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ALL LADIES AND MISSES SUITS ARE NOW HALF PRICE

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30.00 " " 15.00	
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Our coldest weather is just coming—if you are not supplied—now is the time to save money.

Men's Suits and Overcoats

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Shirts
Fancy and Dress Vests
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"The Xmas Store for Men"

Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight fair, warmer. Sunday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday:

Max. temp. 75 degs.
Min. temp. 52 degs.
General direction of wind: South-west.
Clear.

REBELS DROP BACK AND ARE NOW FIFTEEN MILES DOWN THE RIVER

May Be Only a Feint, as It Is Certain That They Will
Come Back Strong; Numerous Funeral Pyres
in Nuevo Laredo this Afternoon.

BLISS EXPLAINED DISARMING MOVE

SAID OTHERWISE THE BIG BEND
COUNTRY WOULD OVERRUN
WITH ARMED MEXICANS
TERRORIZING PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Brigadier General Bliss explained today that the action of the border patrol disarming the federals at Presidio, Texas, and forcing them back across the river was absolutely necessary, that otherwise "the Big Bend country will be overrun with swarms of small armed parties of Mexicans terrorizing the people." Gen. Bliss said that they were simply sent back to rejoin their commands, and not into places where there was great peril. All armed men who cross frankly to seek refuge are disarmed and kept on the American side.

Rushed to Texas Side.

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 3.—Two thousand Mexican refugees, including half-starved women and children and some federal deserters, rushed across the river to the United States from Ojinaga today. Savage fighting had been in progress all night. The federals had shown surprising staying powers, successfully resisting all assaults. The constitutionalists directed a hail of shells on their entrenchments and the federal casualties are reported as heavy. During the night 200 federals made a desperate though unsuccessful sortie to drive back the constitutionalist artillery. One hundred and forty-five thousand dollars (Mexican) was brought here from Marfa today for the federal soldiers' pay.

CORN PRICES FELL IN CHICAGO TODAY

JANUARY DELIVERY FELL THREE
CENTS AND DROP SINCE TEN
DAYS AGO IS TEN
CENTS A BUSHEL.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Corn prices crashed downward today, January delivery dropping nearly three cents a bushel, because a leading long operator had hedged his holdings by sales of May options. Speculators with bearish views used this fact to hammer down prices. Corn which sold for 71c a few days ago brought 61½c.

STATE BANKS MAY ENTER.

Banking and Insurance Department Permits State Banks to Enter Reserve System.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3.—The state department of banking and insurance holds that state banks may be permitted to subscribe stock in the new regional reserve bank to the extent of 6 per cent of the capital stock of the subscribing bank. This is in reply to numerous inquiries.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell is to appear before a London audience soon as Pygmalion in the play of that name written by Bernard Shaw.

According to reports in circulation at noon today the rebel army under General Pablo Gonzalez, which has been encamped near Nuevo Laredo, is today at least fifteen miles down the river and still dropping back. However, a remnant of the army is said to be at a place to the westward up the river, but their force is of insignificant importance. The dropping back of the rebel army is taken to indicate that they are not right now preparing for a second attack on Nuevo Laredo, although it may be a part of their plan to drop back a certain distance, rally the forces for a concerted attack and come back on Nuevo Laredo "strong as ginger."

But the second attack, assisted by artillery, which was scheduled for Sunday, is now a foregone improbability, for they are heading in the wrong direction. It was announced last night that reinforcements from Matamoros, including four pieces of field artillery, had joined the rebel forces at their encampment several miles east of Nuevo Laredo, and that a renewal of the efforts to take Nuevo Laredo from the federals would be made on Sunday morning. But developments now indicate a reversal of the decision, if such it was.

It is stated by some that in dropping back from Nuevo Laredo to the place where they were last reported the rebels are merely doing this to get to their base of supplies, give their men a rest and feed them well and put them in condition to make a good fight when the attack is renewed. Others advance the theory that the rebels have realized the terrible mistake they made in attempting to take Nuevo Laredo without the aid of heavy artillery. To oppose their rifle and machine gun fire the rebels contended with the federals with the odds greatly against them for the federals in Nuevo Laredo now have twelve field pieces, as many machine guns and other destructive munitions. The toll they paid may never be accurately known, but those who look at it from an impartial and unbiased standpoint will admit the truth of the statement that it cost several hundred lives. But the federals also lost heavily in dead and wounded—this being verified by those who will tell the truth and who have seen the federal dead and the hospitals of Nuevo Laredo accommodating their full capacities of wounded. On both sides many of those wounded in battle have since died. Of course neither side will concede that the death list is as large as it really is. A fair estimate would place the killed and wounded of both sides at from 1,500 to 2,000, and yet these figures may be far below the true total. At least 600 or 700 men representing both factions were killed outright during the two days fighting, and almost twice that number were wounded sufficiently to be put out of the scrap.

Besides those killed or wounded outright in battle, it is known that each side captured a number of men and summarily executed them, but these will be included in the dead, for there will be no classification of how death came. But the rebels claim that their entire force has not been engaged in battle with the federals, while on the other hands the federals make a similar claim. The rebels claim that they were holding a large part of their army in reserve for the final attack on the city after they received their reinforcements with artillery. Rebel sympathizers here make the assertion that the rebels have dropped back to their base of supplies opposite the Laguna ranch, where they will await the arrivals of additional troops with heavy field artillery, after which they

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NO NEW MOVE WILL BE MADE BY WILSON

PRESIDENT SAID CONFERENCE
WITH LIND WAS MERELY TO
GET TOGETHER FOR
INFORMATION.

By Associated Press.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 3.—There is no light yet on the nature of President Wilson's conference last night aboard the gunboat Chester with John Lind. Today the president took Lind's two sons, Norman and John, in his automobile eight miles to the launch landing, whence they started out to the battleship to see their father.

Mr. Wilson does not wish Mr. Lind to return to the United States until the Mexican problem is settled. Mr. Lind is to keep the president in intimate touch with developments.

No New Move.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 3.—President Wilson announced that his conference with Mr. Lind developed no change of policy toward Mexico. No new move was decided upon. He said the conference was "to get together for mutual information," and that a few hours' talk was worth more than weeks of telegraph communication. When told of rumors that Provisional President Huerta or some high official of the Mexican government was aboard the Chester, the president smiled and said: "Well, I did not see them if they were there." He laid emphasis on the statement that nothing like raising the embargo on arms had been discussed.

OVERLAND TRAIN IS CAUGHT BY SLIDES

FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA ASSUME
SERIOUS ASPECT AND CAUSE
EARTH SLIDES IN FEATHER
RIVER CANYON.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 3.—More rain today caused serious floods in Northern and Central California. Six hundred men have gone to try to release a Western Pacific overland train for San Francisco, caught between two earth slides in the Feather River canyon.

AL BRIDWELL HAS A BIRTHDAY.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 3.—Al Bridwell, the popular shortstop of the Chicago Cubs, will doubtless receive congratulations from many friends tomorrow on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary. Al was born on a farm near Portsmouth, O., and has been playing professional ball since his nineteenth year. After a season or two with the Atlanta team of the Southern league and the Columbus American association team he entered the big show in 1905 as shortstop for Cincinnati. From Cincinnati he went to the Boston Nationals in 1906, to the New York Giants in 1908, back to the Boston in the latter part of 1911, and from Boston to Chicago in 1913.

LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

extends to its customers and friends
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
and thanks them for their liberal patronage of this bank during 1913

MAY THE FUTURE BRING TO ALL
GREAT GOOD AND PROSPERITY.

J. K. BERETTA,
President.

B. M. ALEXANDER,
Vice-President

SAM W. BROWN,
Cashier.

For a clean City buy a
garbage can and use it to
keep papers and trash from
flying all over the streets.
For those that buy a garbage can between now and
New Year's we will make a
10% reduction, to help have
our city clean, at least during the holidays.

A. Deutz & Brother

Thanking

our patrons for their liberal patronage during the year just ending and soliciting a continuance of same, we hereby wish one and all

A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

L. DAICHES, The Jeweler

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT
CARE TO PURCHASE A FIRE-ARM

for hunting purposes
we have opened a rental
Rifle and Shotgun Department.

New Rifles and Shotguns can
be rented at moderate rate
per day.

JOSEPH NETZER

Royal Theatre

THE BRIGHT SPOT

"PHOTOPLAYS DE LUXE"

PROGRAM TONIGHT.

"The Were Wolf," two-reel 101 Bison feature.
"The Joy Riders," Joker.
"A Husband's Trick," Vitagraph.
Royal Orchestra.

5 AND 10 CENTS.

From Friday's Daily.

COUPON SCHEMES.

The attorney general has ruled that any scheme of distributing prizes by chance is a lottery. This decision affects the schemes of merchants who give coupons for the "drawing" of a lucky number by their customers.

For many years it has been customary for certain merchants to give "prizes" to draw trade to their stores. The "prizes" may be valuable, but usually they are not very costly, the mere desire to get something for nothing inducing the people to trade with the merchant who runs the game of chance, as opposed to the merchant who simply gives value received for the money he takes in.

Until a recent ruling of the postoffice department, many newspapers throughout the country used the same scheme to increase their circulation, and the prizes increased in value until grand pianos, automobiles and other articles of great value were among the prizes.

The ruling of the postoffice department was that not only could a newspaper not indulge in such forms of "gift giving," but that any newspaper that advertised or contained any mention of such a scheme used by anyone else was barred from the second-class mail privilege, and was also subject to a fine.

For some years past the practice of some newspapers has been to use the "contest" scheme to increase a circulation beyond its normal and natural growth. The prizes in some cases included a building lot, an auto, a piano, a gold watch, a diamond ring—in fact, all that was believed desirable to a young man or woman.

Then the "candidates" for the prize went out into the highways and byways and drummed up circulation for the newspaper offering the "premiums," as they are often called. Each year's subscription called for so many "votes," and the person who had the most foolish friends got the prize.

The attorney general did not mention newspaper contests as being included in the ban on schemes, but it is not necessary. Sooner or later the postoffice department will get in its deadly work on the newspaper who conducts a contest scheme, for if ever there was a game of chance on earth, it is the contest.

The trouble is that many newspapers cannot see the danger to bona fide circulation in the contest schemes. The money that is brought in for five and ten year subscriptions looks like "velvet" to them, and they cannot realize that by receiving this class of subscriptions they have mortgaged their newspaper business for a term of years.

Of course, there is always the kind of newspaper that does not expect to be doing business that long, or that is hoping for some sucker to come along and purchase the plant and good-will on the basis of the inflated circulation. Such papers do not exert themselves to show a prospective purchaser that the greater part of the subscription list is paid in advance for a number of years, and is a dead loss to the paper after the contest scheme has been played to a finish.

Meanwhile, it behooves all merchants who have been giving coupons to their customers for a "prize drawing" for some more or less valuable article to remember that the practice is declared to be contrary to the law of Texas. Legitimate business will continue to furnish the custom for a merchant who is worthy of the business, and the others cannot hold the trade they draw by doubtful schemes.

A PLEA FOR SKUNKS.

The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin in which it says that the skunk is an animal of great economic importance. Its food consists very largely of insects, mainly of those species which are very destructive to garden and forage crops. Among other insects which they destroy are white grubs, grasshoppers, crickets, cutworms, hornets, wasps and other noxious forms. The bulletin says that the alarming increase of the white grub in some localities is largely due to the extermination of the valuable animal.

This is a new light in which to look upon the pretty though pestiferous little animal. In some regions the bite of the skunk is supposed to produce hydrophobia. In all regions the odoriferous beast produces nausea. But if the department is right, and it surely ought to know what it is talking about, we have been devoting much time and trouble to the extermination of one of our best friends.

It is curious that the practice of centuries in many cases is directly opposed to what science has discovered with regard to some of our animal life. For years a bat was looked upon with horror by the ladies, a popular delusion being that it tangled itself up in a woman's hair, from which it was with difficulty dislodged.

Then some pseudo scientist discovered that the bat was one of the worst foes of the mosquito, and once more he was tolerated. But of late it has been discovered that the bat harbors one of the worst enemies to mankind, in the form of the cinch lectionarius—vulgar, bedbug. Hence he will no doubt be exterminated.

Some of our birds which were killed at sight by the enraged farmers, who declared that they destroyed seed and crops, have been found to be among the best friends of the farmer, destroying annually many millions of noxious insects.

The San Jose scale, which has destroyed so many orchards in the West, is in itself destroyed by the ladybug, and the entomologists of California are engaged in propagating the ladybug under the most promising conditions, the natural supply not sufficing for the work.

For some years past there have been various skunk farms conducted in different parts of the country, the object of the skunk breeders being to furnish the skins for the market. Most of the breeders have discovered that the skunk in captivity is a harmless, inoffensive little animal, and they breed rapidly under proper conditions.

The greatest problem in the protection of the skunk at large is the proper training of the little pest so that he will not become a nuisance to his neighbors. Even animals will refuse to assemble where a skunk has lain, and farmers have repeatedly reported the destruction of horse and cattle feed because a skunk has made his bed therein.

But no doubt the department will discover some means of making the skunk perfectly innocuous, in order to retain his valuable services in the destruction of our insect pests.

But a skunk will have to hustle if he gets any of the white grubs when a twelve-year old boy is hunting fish-bait. A boy with a sharp stick and a tin can will account for more white grubs than any skunk in the business, and he is not nearly so obnoxious to those with whom he comes in contact.

The Times wishes everybody a Happy New Year. May the combatants have all the fighting they want, and may the rest of the world have peace.

The Pool of Siloam has reflected many a strange sight since the days when the Saviour walked the earth, but never one more incongruous, considering the history of the place, than that of the aeroplane which rested there after a flight over Jerusalem. The natives must have felt like almost worshipping the aviator, who doubtless appeared to them as an incarnation of one of the angels of Holy Writ.

Ojinaga had many horrifying sights for the American soldiers guarding the frontier. The mangled, mutilated survivors of the battle waded the river, piteously begging for help on Texas soil. But so it must ever be with those who take up the sword; they shall perish by the sword.

Laredo's charitable people will have all they can do for some time to come in looking after the wounded from yesterday's battle. The burden of the fighting is never on the actual fighters, but rests heavily on those whose one aspiration is peace.

Honor to the noble Red Cross women of Laredo who looked after the wounded and dying. Without their gentle ministrations, the world would be a much sadder place to live in.

May de Sousa, the musical comedy star, is now leading woman in "The Marriage Market."

Charles Frohman's next musical comedy production will bear the title of "The Laughing Husband."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JANUARY 2.

1757—Calcutta was retaken by the English, and the Subah put to death.

1795—Josiah Wedgwood, inventor of Wedgwood pottery, died. Born July 12, 1730.

1830—Henry M. Flagler, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, born. Died May 29, 1913.

1844—Equestrian statue of George IV, set up in Trafalgar Square, London.

1899—Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated governor of New York.

1905—Port Arthur capitulated to the Japanese.

1913—Jeff Davis, United States senator from Arkansas, died. Born May 6, 1862.

SAW SOME INTERESTING SIGHTS

Laredo People Saw Things Coincident With Fighting Yesterday That Furnished Thrills.

Laredo people who took advantage of the opportunity to get out and get a few glimpses of some of the spectacles presented yesterday afternoon as a result of the battle activities across the river, saw some things that proved intensely interesting to them and which they will long remember. Citizens were to be seen in groups in many parts of town along the river front with field glasses observing developments in the direction of Nuevo Laredo and outskirts.

In the vicinity of the power house of the electric light company was a number of people, and some of them remained there throughout the afternoon. They saw things that furnished a few thrills. Across the river from the powerhouse near the entrenchments the people observed five bodies pendulating from telegraph poles. At another time they saw a squad of 17 rebel cavalymen coming down the road. The entrenched federals espied them. As soon as the rebels got near the trenches the federals flocked upon them. There were perhaps 150 or 200 federals in the assaulting party. But just as the federals were about to capture the little rebel party the chaparral appeared to be alive with rebels and they sallied forth to meet the feds. Did they stay and fight? Well, we should worry—they did not. It was a case of "good night, shirt," with them and some of the federals in their mad flight for their trenches did not stop to get back into them in the usual manner—they had no time for this, they just tumbled into them, and probably some of them got "hurt in the fall."

Last night the federals stayed in those trenches out there and the rebels, in order to be neighborly, came within a hundred yards of where they were in the "holes" and pitched camp for the night. It was a sight to observe the campfires of two warring factions within a hundred yards of each other, but the unflinching rebels did that stunt and were still there when daylight came this morning.

Large crowds in the vicinity of the railroad bridge and at Fort McIntosh yesterday afternoon saw something that was real interesting and furnished some sure enough thrills. A detachment of federal cavalry, about 50 in number, and a federal artilleryman with his big guns, were on one side, and a rebel machine gun operator named Rene and his gun was on the other side. All the afternoon the cavalry and artillery. He had his little piece of death-dealing machinery located in a small arroyo and the opposition were about 500 yards away. They began scrapping about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At first the brave Frenchman had a half dozen companions with him, but most of these were later killed or wounded and then he was left to fight it out by himself, and this he did. He had to contend with the rifle fire of the cavalry and the heavy guns of the artilleryman. At one time twelve of the federal cavalymen made a charge on him, but in a twinkling eleven of them were summarily mowed down and the other fellow almost killed himself running away. Then another bunch of four cavalymen charged on the machine gun man, and they were laid down. All the afternoon he picked them off—just as fast as they came out in the open or toward him. It is said he killed 20 to 30 federals during the afternoon. At times a deadly rifle fire was poured upon him, while the cannon belched forth throughout the afternoon trying to dislodge him. Finally he got the hombre who was operating the piece of artillery and the surviving cavalymen deemed it time to vamoose and so they took the piece of artillery and hiked out. The Frenchman was unscathed in the several hours fight and later the dauntless little fellow joined his comrades.

This is not a story manufactured for the occasion—it is a feat of heroism witnessed by hundreds of citizens of Laredo assembled on the American side of the river yesterday afternoon. As a consequence of the artillery fire three small houses were destroyed, by flames resulting from bursting shells intended for the Frenchman—they shot at him and accidentally hit the houses some distance to one side.

SOLDIERS ARE BUSY MEN NOW

Besides Doing Guard Duty They Are Keeping Their Eyes Open For Smugglers.

The troopers from Fort McIntosh are a busy lot these days with the multitude of duties devolving upon them, and that they are alert to everything entrusted to them there is no gainsaying, for those who are in a position to know readily concede that the boys in khaki are doing their duty.

Besides maintaining a strict guard at the bridge and along the river front to keep the warring factions from crossing to this side in their flight with arms, the soldier boys are keeping a keen lookout for ammunition smugglers, as it is known that a whole lot of this unlawful practice in violation of the neutrality laws would be going on if the would-be violators were not held down. Yesterday afternoon six men in two autos, suspected of attempting to cross ammunition to one of the warring factions were handcuffed and others are being closely watched. Customs Collector Frank Rabb is also remaining in Laredo for the purpose of lending every possible assistance in preserving the neutrality laws.

Supply Camp Established.

This morning Mr. P. J. MacMahon informed a Times reporter that Street Commissioner Eugene Christie told him that at the Palo Blanco farm, which is owned by Mr. MacMahon, the rebels had established a base of supplies on the other side and that boats were passing back and forth constantly, apparently carrying food supplies and ammunition to the Mexican side.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

MISS HELEN ELDON DERBY

Beloved Woman Passed Peacefully Away This Morning at Home of Her Sister.

The silent sweep of the Death Angel's pinions passed over a Laredo home, and a gentle spirit winged its way to the realm of the blessed. Worn with the labors of ministering to the suffering, the heart that bled for the sorrows of others was stilled in death, and a noble woman passed to the reward which awaits those who are faithful unto death. Many who in the past were relieved from suffering by her gentle ministrations will mourn the loss of a faithful nurse, a tender companion, a very angel of compassion. Those who knew her best will sorrow for the sudden taking away of a dear friend, one whose coming was like that of the angel of mercy, and whose departure left many homes desolate. It is not death to die, and in a brighter sphere she will live forever, close to the Great White Throne of her Father. But with the sorrow which comes to her friends and her beloved relatives, it is not easy to rejoice that another white soul has gone to the realm of glory, there to behold the face of the Saviour and to receive the reward for faithful service, well rendered. May an all-merciful Father relieve their sorrow, as He tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb.

This morning at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, Miss Helen Eldon Derby peacefully passed away, after an illness of three weeks.

Miss Derby was born in Austin thirty-seven years ago, and had made her life work that of a trained nurse, being a graduate of Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, where she practiced as a nurse for the past eight years. Three weeks ago, while on a visit to her mother, who was ill, she was stricken with paralysis and her condition never improved from the time of the first attack.

Besides her mother, Mrs. Ida E. Derby, the deceased leaves to mourn her untimely departure a sister, Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, and three brothers, George W. Derby, Arthur E. Derby and Julius W. Derby.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Leyendecker, and interment will be in the family burial ground in the city cemetery.

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THIS IS MY 49th BIRTHDAY.

HON. DOMINIQUE MONET.

Hon. Dominique Monet, for many years a prominent figure in public life in Quebec, was born in St. Michael de Napierville, Quebec, January 2, 1865, of French-Canadian parentage. His education was received at Assomption College and Laval University. In 1890 Mr. Monet was an unsuccessful candidate for the Dominion house of commons. In the general election the next year he was successful and for more than ten years he remained a member of parliament. In 1904 he quit the federal for the provincial political field and was elected to the legislative assembly of Quebec. In 1905 he became a member without portfolio of the Parent Government and the same year was appointed Acting Minister of Public Works and Colonization. In 1908 he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec.

REBEL FORCES STILL THREATENING NUEVO LAREDO AND RETAIN GROUND

Throughout all Yesterday Afternoon and Today Fighting Has Been in Progress in Three Directions; Stray Bullets Raising Havoc.

That the constitutional forces under General Pablo Gonzalez have not in the least been discouraged by the slight reverses which they suffered yesterday is evident from the fact that after the battle in the outskirts of Nuevo Laredo in the morning they dropped a short distance from the federal entrenchments, rallied their forces and late "came back" to harass the federals during the remainder of the day and keep busy. The result was that during the entire afternoon the rebels and federals had little encounters and a number were killed or wounded, and if reports are true the majority of soldiers who lost their lives during the afternoon scrapping were federals.

But, reverting to yesterday morning's battle, the casualties and list of wounded seem to have been greatly exaggerated in the early reports and latest figures decrease the numbers materially. The federals claim that their loss was 36 killed and something over a hundred wounded, while the rebel loss in killed was about 175 and about 200 wounded. If there were any prisoners taken by either side this fact has not yet become known from an authentic source. It is known, however, that several wounded rebels were captured by the federals and summarily executed where they were found, while on the other hand the rebels are said to have gotten rid of a few federals in the same manner.

The greatest havoc to the federals in one of the battles fought during yesterday afternoon was wrought by the Frenchman with the machine gun who converted his little death-dealing instrument into a mowing machine and caused a number of federals to be put out of the game of war.

It is reported that during last night reinforcements to the number of about 400 cavalymen from Matamoros joined the rebel cohorts encamped to the southeastward of Nuevo Laredo. However, despite all efforts, the Times reporter could not secure a confirmation of this report. However, the rebel army at the place noted appeared somewhat large this morning as a result of a concentration of the scattered forces last night.

With the advent of darkness last night the fighting which had been in progress throughout the afternoon ceased and the armistice was prolonged until this morning, when hostilities were again renewed. Shortly after daybreak this morning the sharp cracking of rifles and the booming of cannon were heard. The sounds of battle came from three distinct directions. There was scrapping in progress to the southward, eastward and westward of Nuevo Laredo and at times the firing was quite brisk and continuous. In each instance, however, the number of engaged aggregated about a hundred of each side in each place. The fighting was several miles distant in each direction.

The heaviest fighting was to the westward of the city early in the morning. Here it is said the rebels came up under cover of darkness last night and dug some trenches within a short distance of the federal entrenchments and then occupied them. This morning the federals discovered their predicament and endeavored to dislodge the enemy. Then it was that the heavy firing began. The plan of the rebels appeared to be to get into the trenches and attract a fire from the enemy for the purpose of getting them to exhaust their supply of ammunition. The rebels did comparatively little firing from their entrenchments on the river bank but succeeded in making the federals waste a whole lot of ammunition which is quite precious at this stage of the game having for its purpose the capture of Nuevo Laredo.

Of the battles to the westward and southward of Nuevo Laredo today very little can be learned, except that a courier purporting to come from the vicinity of the fight in the west claimed that the rebels had been getting the best of the fight up to the time he left and about twenty had been killed during the fight, most of them fed-

erals. But this is another unconfirmed report.

As to the number of dead and wounded of the fights yesterday afternoon and this morning not enough is actually known to estimate the losses of either side. At noon there was a short lull in the firing in the different directions, but after the scrappers had partaken of their midday morsels business picked up again and desultory firing is again in progress this afternoon. It is reported the rebels are awaiting the arrival of several pieces of artillery from the direction of Matamoros, when they will again begin a general assault on the city of Nuevo Laredo.

Wounded in the Hospital.

This morning The Times reporter visited the emergency hospital established at the Magnon kindergarten school room by Mrs. Leonor Magnon and the local Red Cross Society. Here a number of members are on hand to look after the wounded brought there. Five patients are being taken care of, one of them being Mr. Herrera, a merchant from Zapata, who was struck in the head by a stray bullet while standing on the Laredo National Bank corner yesterday afternoon. The bullet entered the top of his head and ranged down and is lodged somewhere near the base of the brain. His condition is critical and little hopes are entertained for his recovery. His wife is with him. The other four patients in the hospital are rebel soldiers and one of them, with a bullet through his lung, is in a very serious condition. The other three men will recover.

Stray Bullets Flying Thick.

Stray bullets from the direction of the fighting on the other side continue to fly thickly over Laredo. Yesterday afternoon there was a veritable rain of bullets for a while on the Heights near the river front, while the downtown section got its share of them. Yesterday afternoon it is reported a stray bullet performed a miraculous stunt. An old man residing in the western part of town was sitting in a rocker reading a paper and a bullet whizzed over his shoulder and knocked the paper to the floor. Did he move—well, we should worry; he got back into his room with only two somersaults and said something that did not sound like his prayers as he pulled off the gyastics.

Stray Bullets Hits Two.

While standing on the street near the river in the vicinity of her home on this side this morning a little girl was hit in the foot and painfully injured by a stray bullet inflicting a flesh wound. It was also reported that a woman was hit by a stray bullet and badly injured this morning while walking along the sidewalk in some part of Laredo, but nothing definite could be learned about this.

Wants to Help Poor People.

Consul Garrett today telegraphed the secretary of state at Washington explaining to him that a number of the poorer element of Nuevo Laredo were practically on the verge of starvation as the result of the embargo put on importation of provisions from this side by the United States. Consul Garrett asks that the order be rescinded in order that relief be afforded the poor people of Nuevo Laredo.

Red Cross Relief Fund.

The local branch of the Red Cross Society announces that any contributions which may be offered can be sent to the treasurer, Mr. Pilar Garcia, 910 Farragut street, or at his store at 809 Hidalgo street. The society is in need of funds, clothing, etc., and any contributions will be gratefully received. Clothing may be sent to Mrs. Leonor V. Magnon.

For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin.

For frost bitten ears, fingers and toes; chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Stops the pain at once and heals quickly. In every home there should be a box handy all the time. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching eczema, tetter, piles, etc. 25c. All druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

(Adv.)

REBELS NEARER TO FEDERAL TRENCHES

FEDERAL DESERTIONS CEASED BECAUSE SOME OF THE MEN RECEIVED THEIR BACK PAY YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 2.—The constitutionalists moved up closer to Ojinaga during the night. Federal desertions, however, slackened because some of the men received their back pay.

Permitted to Enter Texas.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Garrison today instructed Gen. Bliss to permit the refugees to cross into Texas from Ojinaga if that should be necessary to save their lives.

MR. WILSON REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT LIND

CORRESPONDENTS ARE PUZZLED OVER REFUSAL OF PRESIDENT TO GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION.

By Associated Press.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 2.—John Lind had not seen President Wilson up to this afternoon. Correspondents are much puzzled by the refusal of all information from the president's cottage about Mr. Lind, who this morning was still aboard the gunboat Chester offshore.

The president refused to comment on the Morgan withdrawal.

MEXICAN DEPUTIES RELEASED TODAY

RODOLFO REYES STILL A PRISONER AND HUERTA DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE HIM.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.—Gen. Huerta today released twenty-six of the former deputies whom he imprisoned in October. Rodolfo Reyes and Estanol, the former minister of justice, are still held prisoners.

EXECUTED MANY THOUSANDS.

One Chinese Province Reported Execution of 24,000 During the Past Year.

By Associated Press.

Peking, China, Jan. 2.—Twenty-four thousand persons were executed in the province of Szachun alone in 1912. They were mostly robbers and political offenders.

ALLEGED SLAYER GIVEN HEARING.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—Roy L. Glover, the San Antonio, Texas, land agent, who shot and killed Daniel De Villiers, the husband of his former wife, at the De Villiers' home here on December 21, was given a preliminary hearing today on the charge of murder.

Laredo Boy at College.

Brother Lawrence, president of the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis, Mo., addressed the following self-explanatory letter to The Times, under date of December 26:

"I take pleasure in announcing that John, son of Mr. V. L. Puig, of Laredo, distinguished himself in scholarship and gentlemanly deportment at this college during the school session just closed."

LITTLE LOCALS

—Many people assembled at various points of vantage this morning in an effort to try and see some of the stunts pulled off during the scrap across the way, but there was little to be seen from this side. The soldier guard kept many away from the vicinity of the international bridge.

—New Year dawned with quite a lively time going on in Laredo, but considering the reason for it the people would prefer that it not continue so. Peace and quiet is better than bombardment.

—During the battle this morning quite a number of bullets fell in this city and several narrow escapes are reported. For a time the lead or steel missiles flew thick over this city.

—Some very handsome 1914 calendars are being distributed by Laredo business houses and The Times is indebted for numerous pretty ones.

—L. V. Pender, with Sames, Moore & Co., reports the sale of a Ford touring car to M. Little of the Webb County Lumber Company. (Adv.)

—The Elks will hold their big New Year reception and ball tonight.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

WAS KILLED BY STRAY BULLET

Manuel Lugo, Young Man Recently Held for Ransom by Rebels, Meets Death on Plaza.

This morning while the battle between the rebels and federals was raging in the southern outskirts of Nuevo Laredo, Manuel Lugo, who was standing on the plaza turned and was in the act of crossing the street when he was struck in the back of the head by a stray bullet and fell dead.

Lugo is the son of the wealthy ranchman of that name residing near San Ignacio, and was in charge of his father's ranch recently when he was captured by rebels and a ransom of \$5,000 demanded for his release. The demand was complied with and he was released and came to Nuevo Laredo. He was a young man who was much liked by his friends and his death is deeply deplored by all.

Entertained Bridge Club.

At her apartments at the Christen home on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. J. Hale was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club. The game was auction bridge and the prizes were awarded as follows: Club prize, piece of lingerie, won by Mrs. J. Vidales; guest prize, half-dozen wine glasses, won by Mrs. J. B. Morton. Following the game delicious refreshments were served.

Latin-American Dance.

A delightful dance to welcome the New Year was given by the Club Latino-Americano last night at their spacious club rooms. A large attendance and a delightful time marked the event as one of the most successful of the season. The rooms were artistically decorated in a combination of the colors of both countries, and a large orchestra furnished entrancing music for the occasion. At midnight a three-course luncheon was served in the club dining-room, after which toasts were drunk to the New Year. The dance lasted until 3:30 o'clock this morning.

PURE MATTRESS LAW IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 1.—Under the provisions of a law put into effect today every mattress sold in Minnesota must bear a label showing the materials used in its manufacture, and whether they are new or second-hand. Another law passed by the last legislature and which went into effect today makes sweeping changes in the tax classifications. Instead of assessing all property at full value as heretofore, the property is divided into four classes for the purpose of taxation. Iron ore lands are to be assessed at 50 per cent of actual value, household goods and wearing apparel at 25 per cent, merchandise, farm and factory products, tools and implements and unplatted real estate at 33 1/3 per cent, and city real estate at 40 per cent of its actual value.

Has Resumed Practice.

Dr. H. Stow Garlick, who has been attending the hospitals in New York City for the past few months, has returned to Laredo and is at his office in the Richter building over the City Drug Co.

THEY WELCOMED NEW YEAR

Many an Hombre With His Little Artillery Piece Got Busy at Midnight and Blazed Away.

Notwithstanding the fact that City Marshal Brennan had issued peremptory orders to the effect that all parties arrested for discharging firearms within the city limits would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, many a firearm which had been relegated was brought forth last night at midnight and poured forth volley after volley. For a time pistol shots rang out in all parts of the city and many believed that the battle in Nuevo Laredo was in full blast. But it wasn't—it was only a few hombres out with their artillery welcoming the New Year of 1914.

The usual ringing of bells and blowing of whistles which are heard on New Year's were conspicuous by their absence this year, and only the detonations from the belching firearms disturbed the slumbers of those who did not remain up to welcome the new year.

To the Public.

Information has reached the Department of Labor at Austin to the effect that some of the industries in Laredo that come directly under the provisions of the FIFTY-FOUR HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN WORKERS, IN TEXAS, are violating the same, and in as much as violations of this character comes within the duties of this Department for investigation and regulation, the Department will, in the near future investigate and file complaints when found.

J. A. STARLING, Labor Commissioner. (Adv.)

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Some Wounded Brought to Laredo.

Several of the combatants participating in the battle of Nuevo Laredo this morning were brought to this city after being wounded and taken to improvised hospitals, where their injuries were treated. Some rebel soldiers were taken to homes of friends here, while some of the wounded of both sides were taken care of by Mrs. Magnon and members of the local Red Cross Society, these being comfortably quartered in the large hall of Mrs. Magnon's preparatory school.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Mexican Steers For Sale.

I will have a train of Mexican steers on sale at the shipping pens in Laredo on January 19th, and another train on or about February 1st. Persons interested can see me at the shipping pens on these dates.

OSCAR THOMPSON, Hebbronville, Texas. (Adv.)

Railroad Bridge Was Fired.

According to reports brought in this forenoon the railroad bridge at Sanchez, about twelve miles southwest of Laredo, was fired by constitutionalist soldiers this morning and totally destroyed by the flames. The dense smoke from the burning structure was seen by many on this side who were observing developments on the other side with field glasses.

U. D. C. Meeting.

To members of Benavides Chapter, No. 1499: There will be a regular meeting of the local chapter at the Library rooms Saturday afternoon, January 3, at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is urged.

MRS. J. B. BUTTRON, Vice President. (Adv.)

Worms the Cause of Your Child's Pains.

A foul, disagreeable breath, dark circles around the eyes, at times feverish, with great thirst; cheeks flushed and then pale, abdomen swollen with sharp cramping pains are all indications of worms. Don't let your child suffer—Kickapoo Worm Killer will give sure relief—it kills the worms—while its laxative effect adds greatly to the health of your child by removing the dangerous and disagreeable effect of worms and parasites from the system. Kickapoo Worm Killer as a health producer should be in every household. Perfectly safe. Buy a box today. Price 25c. All Druggists or by mail. Kickapoo Indian Med. Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

(Adv.)

PERSONALS

Patrio V. Milno arrived in the city this morning from San Antonio.

Roe Oliver arrived here this morning from San Antonio.

Judge A. P. Spohn of Zapata county is in the city.

Alfred Murphy arrived home yesterday from Mexico, where he has been for the past several months.

Sheriff Amador Sanchez returned this morning from a business trip to San Antonio and Eagle Pass.

Immigration Officer G. C. Raymond and his son, Manuel, of Darwin, are in the city.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Guardianship of Ellis Minors. No. 449. STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Webb.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Anna C. Ellis, Maggie E. Ellis, Eva C. Ellis and Mart Ellis, minors, to appear before the County Court of Webb county, to be held at the town of Laredo, Texas, on the 16th day of February A. D. 1914, to contest, if he sees proper, the final account of A. M. Bruni, as guardian of the estate of Anna C. Ellis, Maggie E. Ellis, Eva C. Ellis and Mart Ellis, minors, now on file in said court.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Attest: J. A. RODRIGUEZ, Clerk of the County Court of Webb County, Texas.

By C. R. MOLINA, Deputy. Given under my hand and seal of said court at office, this 31st day of December A. D. 1913.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ, Clerk of the County Court of Webb County, Texas.

By C. R. MOLINA, Deputy. I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the writ now in my hands.

AMADOR SANCHEZ, Sheriff Webb Co., Texas. By A. R. GARCIA, Deputy. (Adv.)

NEW WORKMEN'S ACT IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—Some radical changes in industrial conditions in California are brought about by the new workmen's compensation act which became operative today. The act applies to all employers, except agriculturists, horticulturists and viticulturists, stock raisers, poultry and dairy men and employers of domestic servants. In future only recourse for damages for injuries for an employee will be through the compensation act, unless gross personal negligence by the employer can be proved. Under the provisions of the act the employer must pay for all medical care for the first 90 days following the accident. For the first two weeks an injured employee shall receive nothing except medical attention. After that time he shall be entitled to 65 per cent of his wages during the time of disability. If an employee be killed three times his annual average wages. The employer is given the privilege of insuring with the State, taking out insurance with an indemnity company for his employees or maintaining his own insurance fund.

SLAYER BOSWORTH TO HANG.

Windsor, Vt., Jan. 1.—Officials at the State Prison here have completed arrangements for the execution tomorrow of Arthur Bosworth, the Essex Junction murderer. Unless there is an eleventh-hour reprieve the execution will take place tomorrow morning. The gallows will be the same on which Mary Rogers was executed several years ago. Bosworth shot and killed Mae Labelle at Essex Junction June 9, 1911, because she had repeatedly refused to receive attentions from him. The condemned man is said to have a wife and children living in England.

PASADENA ROSE TOURNAMENT.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—Pasadena presented the aspect of a huge bouquet today on the occasion of her twenty-fifth annual tournament of roses. Fragrant buds and blossoms of innumerable varieties, together with plants and foliage and ferns of many kinds, contributed to the most spectacular floral display ever seen here in the land of flowers. As in previous years, the grand floral parade and the four-horse chariot races were the leading features of the day's programme.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

REBEL FORCES ATTACK N. LAR AND REPULSED WITH HEAVY

Battle Raged for Several Hours; Rebel Loss Estimated 300 Killed, Several Hundred Wounded; Federal About 100 Killed and as Many Wounded.

HORRIFYING SIGHT AT OJINAGA FIGHT

MEXICAN FEDERALS WITH SHATTERED ARMS AND LEGS SHOT OFF STRUGGLED TO TEXAS PLEADING FOR HELP.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 1.—The battle of Ojinaga continued this morning. Horrifying sights were witnessed from the American side. Wounded soldiers with shattered arms or legs shot off struggled through the river to Texas soil, pleading with the American soldiers for help. Physicians and medical supplies here were placed at the disposal of the wounded. Some of the wounded Mexicans begged the American soldiers to kill them.

At noon the surrender of the whole Mexican federal army at Ojinaga to the United States was expected momentarily.

PHANTOM BANDITS WORRYING FRANCE

TERRORIZING WINTER TOURIST SECTION WITH INEXPLICABLE ACTS, AND DEFY EFFORTS OF DETECTIVES.

By Associated Press.

Cannes, France, Jan. 1.—The so-called "phantom bandits," who have terrorized the country in this section with inexplicable acts, today fired two shots through the windows of a large villa at Ranguin, owned by prominent Paris bankers. The bullets grazed two ladies in the villa. The bandits escaped, despite the search by hundreds of detectives.

UNEMPLOYED MEN DISTURB CHICAGO

CARRYING BANNER DEMANDING WORK, NOT CHARITY, THEY INVADDED THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Entering restaurants and demanding food, breaking windows, puncturing automobile tires, halting street cars and shouting that they wanted work, five hundred unemployed men created a great disturbance downtown early today. The police finally dispersed them. They bore a banner inscribed: "We demand work, not charity."

FLEW OVER JERUSALEM.

French Aviator Landed Near the Pool of Siloam in the Midst of Vast Crowds.

By Associated Press.

Jerusalem, Palestine, Jan. 1.—Gen. Francois Xavier Bonnier, a French aviator, flew over Jerusalem New Year's Eve, in the first aeroplane ever seen there. He landed safely near the Pool of Siloam. Vast crowds turned out to see the flight.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

BIG STORES THROWN INTO BANKRUPTCY

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From Friday's Daily.

COUPON SCHEMES.

The attorney general has ruled that any scheme of distributing prizes by chance is a lottery. This decision affects the schemes of merchants who give coupons for the "drawing" of a lucky number by their customers.

For many years it has been customary for certain merchants to give "prizes" to draw trade to their stores. The "prizes" may be valuable, but usually they are not very costly, the mere desire to get something for nothing inducing the people to trade with the merchant who runs the game of chance, as opposed to the merchant who simply gives value received for the money he takes in.

Until a recent ruling of the postoffice department, many newspapers throughout the country used the same scheme to increase their circulation, and the prizes increased in value until grand pianos, automobiles and other articles of great value were among the prizes.

The ruling of the postoffice department was that not only could a newspaper not indulge in such forms of "gift giving," but that any newspaper that advertised or contained any mention of such a scheme used by anyone else was barred from the second-class mail privilege, and was also subject to a fine.

For some years past the practice of some newspapers has been to use the "contest" scheme to increase a circulation beyond its normal and natural growth. The prizes in some cases included a building lot, an auto, a piano, a gold watch, a diamond ring—in fact, all that was believed desirable to a young man or woman.

Then the "candidates" for the prize went out into the highways and byways and drummed up circulation for the newspaper offering the "prizes," as they are often called. Each year's subscription called for so many "votes," and the person who had the most foolish friends got the prize.

The attorney general did not mention newspaper contests as being included in the ban on schemes, but it is not necessary. Sooner or later the postoffice department will get in its deadly work on the newspaper who conducts a contest scheme, for if ever there was a game of chance on earth, it is the contest.

The trouble is that many newspapers cannot see the danger to a bona fide circulation in the contest schemes. The money that is brought in for five and ten year subscriptions looks like "velvet" to them, and they cannot realize that by receiving this class of subscriptions they have mortgaged their newspaper business for a term of years.

Of course, there is always the kind of newspaper that does not expect to be doing business that long, or that is hoping for some sucker to come along and purchase the plant and good-will on the basis of the inflated circulation. Such papers do not exert themselves to show a prospective purchaser that the greater part of the subscription list is paid in advance for a number of years, and is a dead loss to the paper after the contest scheme has been played to a finish.

Meanwhile, it behooves all merchants who have been giving coupons to their customers for a "prize drawing" for some more or less valuable article to remember that the practice is declared to be contrary to the law of Texas. Legitimate business will continue to furnish the custom for a merchant who is worthy of the business, and the others cannot hold the trade they draw by doubtful schemes.

A PLEA FOR SKUNKS.

The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin in which it says that the skunk is an animal of great economic importance. Its food consists very largely of insects, mainly of those species which are very destructive to garden and forage crops. Among other insects which they destroy are white grubs, grasshoppers, crickets, cutworms, hornets, wasps and other noxious forms. The bulletin says that the alarming increase of the white grub in some localities is largely due to the extermination of the valuable animal.

This is a new light in which to look upon the pretty though pestiferous little animal. In some regions the bite of the skunk is supposed to produce hydrophobia. In all regions the odoriferous beast produces nausea. But if the department is right, and it surely ought to know what it is talking about, we have been devoting much time and trouble to the extermination of one of our best friends.

It is curious that the practice of centuries in many cases is directly opposed to what science has discovered with regard to some of our animal life. For years a bat was looked upon with horror by the ladies, a popular delusion being that it tangled itself up in a woman's hair, from which it was with difficulty dislodged.

Then some pseudo scientist discovered that the bat was one of the worst foes of the mosquito, and once more he was tolerated. But of late it has been discovered that the bat harbors one of the worst enemies to mankind, in the form of the cimex lectularius—vulgar, bedbug. Hence he will no doubt be exterminated.

Some of our birds which were killed at sight by the enraged farmers, who declared that they destroyed seed and crops, have been found to be among the best friends of the farmer, destroying annually many millions of noxious insects.

The San Jose scale, which has destroyed so many orchards in the West, is in itself destroyed by the ladybug, and the entomologists of California are engaged in propagating the ladybug under the most promising conditions, the natural supply not sufficing for the work.

For some years past there have been various skunk farms conducted in different parts of the country, the object of the skunk breeders being to furnish the skins for the market. Most of the breeders have discovered that the skunk in captivity is a harmless, inoffensive little animal, and they breed rapidly under proper conditions.

The greatest problem in the protection of the skunk at large is the proper training of the little pest so that he will not become a nuisance to his neighbors. Even animals will refuse to assemble where a skunk has lain, and farmers have repeatedly reported the destruction of horse and cattle food because a skunk has made his bed therein.

But no doubt the department will discover some means of making the skunk perfectly innocuous, in order to retain his valuable services in the destruction of our insect pests.

But a skunk will have to hustle if he gets any of the white grubs when a twelve-year old boy is hunting fish-bait. A boy with a sharp stick and a tin can will account for more white grubs than any skunk in the business, and he is not nearly so obnoxious to those with whom he comes in contact.

The Times wishes everybody a Happy New Year. May the combatants have all the fighting they want, and may the rest of the world have peace.

The Pool of Siloam has reflected many a strange sight since the days when the Saviour walked the earth, but never one more incongruous, considering the history of the place, than that of the aeroplane which rested there after a flight over Jerusalem. The natives must have felt like almost worshipping the aviator, who doubtless appeared to them as an incarnation of one of the angels of Holy Writ.

Ojinaga had many horrifying sights for the American soldiers guarding the frontier. The mangled, mutilated survivors of the battle waded the river, piteously begging for help on Texas soil. But so it must ever be with those who take up the sword; they shall perish by the sword.

Laredo's charitable people will have all they can do for some time to come in looking after the wounded from yesterday's battle. The burden of the fighting is never on the actual fighters, but rests heavily on those whose one aspiration is peace.

Honor to the noble Red Cross women of Laredo who looked after the wounded and dying. Without their gentle ministrations, the world would be a much sadder place to live in.

May de Souza, the musical comedy star, is now leading woman in "The Marriage Market."

Charles Frohman's next musical comedy production will bear the title of "The Laughing Husband."

* THIS DATE IN HISTORY *

JANUARY 2.
1757—Calcutta was retaken by the English, and the Subah put to death.

1795—Josiah Wedgwood, inventor of Wedgwood pottery, died. Born July 12, 1730.

1830—Henry M. Flagler, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, born. Died May 29, 1913.

1844—Equestrian statue of George IV, set up in Trafalgar Square, London.

1899—Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated governor of New York.

1905—Port Arthur capitulated to the Japanese.

1913—Jeff Davis, United States senator from Arkansas, died. Born May 6, 1862.

SAW SOME INTERESTING SIGHTS

Laredo People Saw Things Coincident With Fighting Yesterday That Furnished Thrills.

Laredo people who took advantage of the opportunity to get out and get a few glimpses of some of the spectacles presented yesterday afternoon as a result of the battle activities across the river, saw some things that proved intensely interesting to them and which they will long remember. Citizens were to be seen in groups in many parts of town along the river front with field glasses observing developments in the direction of Nuevo Laredo and outskirts.

In the vicinity of the power house of the electric light company was a number of people, and some of them remained there throughout the afternoon. They saw things that furnished a few thrills. Across the river from the powerhouse near the entrenchments the people observed five bodies pendulating from telegraph poles. At another time they saw a squad of 17 rebel cavalymen coming down the road. The entrenched federals espied them. As soon as the rebels got near the trenches the federals flocked upon them. There were perhaps 150 or 200 federals in the assaulting party. But just as the federals were about to capture the little rebel party the chaparral appeared to be alive with rebels and they sailed forth to meet the feds. Did they stay and fight? Well, we should worry—they did not. It was a case of "good night, shirt," with them and some of the federals in their mad flight for their trenches did not stop to get back into them in the usual manner—they had no time for this, they just tumbled into them, and probably some of them got "hurt in the fall."

Last night the federals stayed in those trenches out there and the rebels, in order to be neighborly, came within a hundred yards of where they were in the "holes" and pitched camp for the night. It was a sight to observe the campfires of two warring factions within a hundred yards of each other, but the unflinching rebels did that stunt and were still there when daylight came this morning.

Large crowds in the vicinity of the railroad bridge and at Fort McIntosh yesterday afternoon saw something that was real interesting and furnished some sure enough thrills. A detachment of federal cavalry, about 50 in number, and a federal artilleryman with his big guns, were on one side, and a rebel machine gun operator named Rene and his gun was on the other side. All the afternoon the afternoon the Frenchman fought the cavalry and artillery. He had his little piece of death-dealing machinery located in a small arroyo and the opposition were about 500 yards away. They began scrapping about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At first the brave Frenchman had a half dozen companions with him, but most of these were later killed or wounded and then he was left to fight it out by himself, and this he did. He had to contend with the rifle fire of the cavalry and the heavy guns of the artilleryman. At one time twelve of the federal cavalymen made a charge on him, but in a twinkling eleven of them were summarily moved down and the other fellow almost killed himself running away. Then another bunch of four cavalymen charged on the machine gun man, and they were laid down. All the afternoon he picked them off—just as fast as they came out in the open or toward him. It is said he killed 29 to 30 federals during the afternoon. At times a deadly rifle fire was poured upon him, while the cannon belched forth throughout the afternoon trying to dislodge him. Finally he got the hombre who was operating the piece of artillery and the surviving cavalymen deemed it time to vamoose and so they took the piece of artillery and hiked out. The Frenchman was unscathed in the several hours fight and later the dauntless little fellow joined his comrades.

This is not a story manufactured for the occasion—it is a feat of heroism witnessed by hundreds of citizens of Laredo assembled on the American side of the river yesterday afternoon. As a consequence of the artillery fire three small houses were destroyed by flames resulting from bursting shells intended for the Frenchman—they shot at him and accidentally hit the houses some distance to one side.

SOLDIERS ARE BUSY MEN NOW

Besides Doing Guard Duty They Are Keeping Their Eyes Open For Smugglers.

The troopers from Fort McIntosh are a busy lot these days with the multitude of duties devolving upon them, and that they are alert to everything entrusted to them there is no gainsaying, for those who are in a position to know readily concede that the boys in khaki are doing their duty.

Besides maintaining a strict guard at the bridge and along the river front to keep the warring factions from crossing to the soldier boys are keeping a keen lookout for ammunition smugglers, as it is known that a whole lot of this unlawful practice in violation of the neutrality laws would be going on if the would-be violators were not held down. Yesterday afternoon six men in two autos, suspected of attempting to cross ammunition to one of the warring factions were hauled in and others are being closely watched. Customs Collector Frank Rabb is also remaining in Laredo for the purpose of lending every possible assistance in preserving the neutrality laws.

* THIS IS MY 49th BIRTHDAY. *

DOMINIQUE MONET.

Hon. Dominique Monet, for many years a prominent figure in public life in Quebec, was born in St. Michael de Naperville, Quebec, January 2, 1865, of French-Canadian parentage. His education was received at Assumption College and Laval University. In 1890 Mr. Monet was an unsuccessful candidate for the Dominion house of commons. In the general election the next year he was successful and for more than ten years he remained a member of parliament. In 1904 he quit the federal for the provincial political field and was elected to the legislative assembly of Quebec. In 1905 he became a member without portfolio of the Parent Government and the same year was appointed Acting Minister of Public Works and Colonization. In 1908 he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec.

SUPPLY CAMP ESTABLISHED.

This morning Mr. P. J. MacMahon informed a Times reporter that Street Commissioner Eugene Christen told him that at the Palo Blanco farm, which is owned by Mr. MacMahon, the rebels had established a base of supplies on the other side and that boats were passing back and forth constantly, apparently carrying food supplies and ammunition to the Mexican side.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$ \$ Money Makers \$

MISS HELEN ELDON DERBY

Beloved Woman Passed Peacefully Away This Morning at Home of Her Sister.

The silent sweep of the Death Angel's pinions passed over a Laredo home, and a gentle spirit winged its way to the realm of the blessed. Worn with the labors of ministering to the suffering, the heart that bled for the sorrows of others was stilled in death, and a noble woman passed to the reward which awaits those who are faithful unto death. Many who in the past were relieved from suffering by her gentle ministrations will mourn the loss of a faithful nurse, a tender companion, a very angel of compassion. Those who knew her best will sorrow for the sudden taking away of a dear friend, one whose coming was like that of the angel of mercy, and whose departure left many homes desolate. It is not death to die, and in a brighter sphere she will live forever, close to the Great White Throne of her Father. But with the sorrow which comes to her friends and her beloved relatives, it is not easy to rejoice that another white soul has gone to the realm of glory, there to behold the face of the Saviour and to receive the reward for faithful service, well rendered. May an all-merciful Father relieve their sorrow, as He tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb.

This morning at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, Miss Helen Eldon Derby peacefully passed away, after an illness of three weeks.

Miss Derby was born in Austin thirty-seven years ago, and had made her life work that of a trained nurse, being a graduate of Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, where she practiced as a nurse for the past eight years. Three weeks ago, while on a visit to her mother, who was ill, she was stricken with paralysis and her condition never improved from the time of the first attack.

Besides her mother, Mrs. Ida B. Derby, the deceased leaves to mourn her untimely departure a sister, Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, and three brothers, George W. Derby, Arthur E. Derby and Julius W. Derby.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Leyendecker, and interment will be in the family burial ground in the city cemetery.

SOLDIERS ARE BUSY MEN NOW

Besides Doing Guard Duty They Are Keeping Their Eyes Open For Smugglers.

The troopers from Fort McIntosh are a busy lot these days with the multitude of duties devolving upon them, and that they are alert to everything entrusted to them there is no gainsaying, for those who are in a position to know readily concede that the boys in khaki are doing their duty.

Besides maintaining a strict guard at the bridge and along the river front to keep the warring factions from crossing to the soldier boys are keeping a keen lookout for ammunition smugglers, as it is known that a whole lot of this unlawful practice in violation of the neutrality laws would be going on if the would-be violators were not held down. Yesterday afternoon six men in two autos, suspected of attempting to cross ammunition to one of the warring factions were hauled in and others are being closely watched. Customs Collector Frank Rabb is also remaining in Laredo for the purpose of lending every possible assistance in preserving the neutrality laws.

* THIS IS MY 49th BIRTHDAY. *

DOMINIQUE MONET.

Hon. Dominique Monet, for many years a prominent figure in public life in Quebec, was born in St. Michael de Naperville, Quebec, January 2, 1865, of French-Canadian parentage. His education was received at Assumption College and Laval University. In 1890 Mr. Monet was an unsuccessful candidate for the Dominion house of commons. In the general election the next year he was successful and for more than ten years he remained a member of parliament. In 1904 he quit the federal for the provincial political field and was elected to the legislative assembly of Quebec. In 1905 he became a member without portfolio of the Parent Government and the same year was appointed Acting Minister of Public Works and Colonization. In 1908 he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec.

SUPPLY CAMP ESTABLISHED.

This morning Mr. P. J. MacMahon informed a Times reporter that Street Commissioner Eugene Christen told him that at the Palo Blanco farm, which is owned by Mr. MacMahon, the rebels had established a base of supplies on the other side and that boats were passing back and forth constantly, apparently carrying food supplies and ammunition to the Mexican side.

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REBEL FORCES STILL THREATENING NUEVO LAREDO AND RETAIN GROUND

Throughout all Yesterday Afternoon and Today Fighting Has Been in Progress in Three Directions; Stray Bullets Raising Havoc.

That the constitutional forces under General Pablo Gonzalez have not in the least been discouraged by the slight reverses which they suffered yesterday is evident from the fact that after the battle in the outskirts of Nuevo Laredo in the morning they dropped a short distance from the federal entrenchments, rallied their forces and late "came back" to harass the federals during the remainder of the day and keep busy. The result was that during the entire afternoon the rebels and federals had little encounters and a number were killed or wounded, and it reports are true the majority of soldiers who lost their lives during the afternoon scrapping were federals, for it is known that they got the worst of the deal in the afternoon fight to the westward of Nuevo Laredo.

But, reverting to yesterday morning's battle, the casualties and list of wounded seem to have been greatly exaggerated in the early reports and latest figures decrease the numbers materially. The federals claim that their loss was 96 killed and something over a hundred wounded, while the rebel loss in killed was about 175 and about 200 wounded. If there were any prisoners taken by either side this fact has not yet become known from an authentic source. It is known, however, that several wounded rebels were captured by the federals and summarily executed where they were found, while on the other hand the rebels are said to have gotten rid of a few federals in the same manner.

The greatest havoc to the federals in one of the battles fought during yesterday afternoon was wrought by the Frenchman with the machine gun who converted his little death-dealing instrument into a mowing machine and caused a number of federals to be put out of the game of war.

It is reported that during last night reinforcements to the number of about 400 cavalymen from Matamoros joined the rebel cohorts encamped to the southeastward of Nuevo Laredo. However, despite all efforts, the Times reporter could not secure a confirmation of this report. However, the rebel army at the place noted appeared somewhat large this morning as a result of a concentration of the scattered forces last night.

With the advent of darkness last night the fighting which had been in progress throughout the afternoon ceased and the armistice was prolonged until this morning, when hostilities were again renewed. Shortly after daybreak this morning the sharp crackling of rifles and the booming of cannon were heard. The sounds of battle came from three distinct directions. There was scrapping in progress to the southward, eastward and westward of Nuevo Laredo and at times the firing was quite brisk and continuous. In each instance, however, the number of engaged aggregated about a hundred of each side in each place. The fighting was several miles distant in each direction.

The heaviest fighting was to the westward of the city early in the morning. Here it is said the rebels came up under cover of darkness last night and dug some trenches within a short distance of the federal entrenchments and then occupied them. This morning the federals discovered their predicament and endeavored to dislodge the enemy. Then it was that the heavy firing began. The plan of the rebels appeared to be to get into the trenches and attract a fire from the enemy for the purpose of getting them to exhaust their supply of ammunition. The rebels did comparatively little firing from their entrenchments on the river bank but succeeded in making the federals waste a whole lot of ammunition which is quite precious at this stage of the game having for its purpose the capture of Nuevo Laredo.

Of the battles to the westward and southward of Nuevo Laredo today very little can be learned, except that a courier purporting to come from the vicinity of the fight in the west claimed that the rebels had been getting the best of the fight up to the time he left and about twenty had been killed during the fight, most of them fed-

erals. But this is another unconfirmed report.

As to the number of dead and wounded of the fights yesterday afternoon and this morning not enough is actually known to estimate the losses of either side. At noon there was a short lull in the firing in the different directions, but after the scrappers had partaken of their midday morsels business picked up again and desultory firing is again in progress this afternoon. It is reported the rebels are awaiting the arrival of several pieces of artillery from the direction of Matamoros, when they will again begin a general assault on the city of Nuevo Laredo.

Wounded in the Hospital.

This morning The Times reporter visited the emergency hospital established at the Magnon kindergarten school room by Mrs. Leonor Magnon and the local Red Cross Society. Here a number of members are on hand to look after the wounded brought there. Five patients are being taken care of, one of them being Mr. Herrera, a merchant from Zapata, who was struck in the head by a stray bullet while standing on the Laredo National Bank corner yesterday afternoon. The bullet entered the top of his head and ranged down and is lodged somewhere near the base of the brain. His condition is critical and little hopes are entertained for his recovery. His wife is with him. The other four patients in the hospital are rebel soldiers and one of them, with a bullet through his lung, is in a very serious condition. The other three men will recover.

Stray Bullets Flying Thick.

Stray bullets from the direction of the fighting on the other side continue to fly thickly over Laredo. Yesterday afternoon there was a veritable rain of bullets for a while on the Heights near the river front, while the downtown section got its share of them. Yesterday afternoon it is reported a stray bullet performed a miraculous stunt. An old man residing in the western part of town was sitting in a rocker reading a paper and a bullet whizzed over his shoulder and knocked the paper to the floor. Did he move—well, we should worry; he got back into his room with only two somersaults and said something that did not sound like his prayers as he pulled off the gyastics.

Stray Bullets Hits Two.

While standing on the street near the river in the vicinity of her home on this side this morning a little girl was hit in the foot and painfully injured by a stray bullet inflicting a flesh wound. It was also reported that a woman was hit by a stray bullet and badly injured this morning while walking along the sidewalk in some part of Laredo, but nothing definite could be learned about this.

Wants to Help Poor People.

Consul Garrett today telegraphed the secretary of state at Washington explaining to him that a number of the poorer element of Nuevo Laredo were practically on the verge of starvation as the result of the embargo put on importation of provisions from this side by the United States. Consul Garrett asks that the order be rescinded in order that relief be afforded the poor people of Nuevo Laredo.

Red Cross Relief Fund.

The local branch of the Red Cross Society announces that any contributions which may be offered can be sent to the treasurer, Mr. Pilar Garcia, 910 Farragut street, or at his store at 809 Hidalgo street. The society is in need of funds, clothing, etc., and any contributions will be gratefully received. Clothing may be sent to Mrs. Leonor V. Magnon.

For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin.

For frost bitten ears, fingers and toes; chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Stops the pain at once and heals quickly. In every home there should be a box handy all the time. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching eczema, tetter, piles, etc. 25c. All druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.
(Adv.)

REBELS NEARER TO FEDERAL TRENCHES

FEDERAL DESERTIONS CEASED
BECAUSE SOME OF THE MEN
RECEIVED THEIR BACK
PAY YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press.
Presidio, Texas, Jan. 2.—The constitutionalists moved up closer to Ojinaga during the night. Federal desertions, however, slackened because some of the men received their back pay.

Permitted to Enter Texas.
Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Garrison today instructed Gen. Bliss to permit the refugees to cross into Texas from Ojinaga if that should be necessary to save their lives.

MR. WILSON REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT LIND

CORRESPONDENTS ARE PUZZLED
OVER REFUSAL OF PRESIDENT
TO GIVE THEM ANY
INFORMATION.

By Associated Press.
Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 2.—John Lind had not seen President Wilson up to this afternoon. Correspondents are much puzzled by the refusal of all information from the president's cottage about Mr. Lind, who this morning was still aboard the gunboat Chester offshore.

The president refused to comment on the Morgan withdrawal.

MEXICAN DEPUTIES RELEASED TODAY

RODOLFO REYES STILL A PRISONER AND HUERTA DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE HIM.

By Associated Press.
Mexico City, Jan. 2.—Gen. Huerta today released twenty-six of the former deputies whom he imprisoned in October. Rodolfo Reyes and Estanol, the former minister of justice, are still held prisoners.

EXECUTED MANY THOUSANDS.

One Chinese Province Reported Execution of 24,000 During the Past Year.

By Associated Press.
Peking, China, Jan. 2.—Twenty-four thousand persons were executed in the province of Szachun alone in 1912. They were mostly robbers and political offenders.

ALLEGED SLAYER GIVEN HEARING.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—Roy L. Glover, the San Antonio, Texas, land agent, who shot and killed Daniel De Villiers, the husband of his former wife, at the De Villiers' home here on December 21, was given a preliminary hearing today on the charge of murder.

Laredo Boy at College.

Brother Lawrence, president of the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis, Mo., addressed the following self-explanatory letter to The Times, under date of December 26:
"I take pleasure in announcing that John, son of Mr. V. L. Puig, of Laredo, distinguished himself in scholarship and gentlemanly deportment at this college during the school session just closed."

LITTLE LOCALS

—Many people assembled at various points of vantage this morning in an effort to try and see some of the stunts pulled off during the scrap across the way, but there was little to be seen from this side. The soldier guard kept many away from the vicinity of the international bridge.

—New Year dawned with quite a lively time going on in Laredo, but considering the reason for it the people would prefer that it not continue so. Peace and quiet is better than bombardment.

—During the battle this morning quite a number of bullets fell in this city and several narrow escapes are reported. For a time the lead or steel missiles flew thick over this city.

—Some very handsome 1914 calendars are being distributed by Laredo business houses and The Times is indebted for numerous pretty ones.

—L. V. Pender, with Sames, Moore & Co., reports the sale of a Ford touring car to M. Little of the Webb County Lumber Company. (Adv.)

—The Elks will hold their big New Year reception and ball tonight.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

WAS KILLED BY STRAY BULLET

Manuel Lugo, Young Man Recently Held for Ransom by Rebels, Meets Death on Plaza.

This morning while the battle between the rebels and federals was raging in the southern outskirts of Nuevo Laredo, Manuel Lugo, who was standing on the plaza turned and was in the act of crossing the street when he was struck in the back of the head by a stray bullet and fell dead.

Lugo is the son of the wealthy ranchman of that name residing near San Ignacio, and was in charge of his father's ranch recently when he was captured by rebels and a ransom of \$5,000 demanded for his release. The demand was complied with and he was released and came to Nuevo Laredo. He was a young man who was much liked by his friends and his death is deeply deplored by all.

Entertained Bridge Club.

At her apartments at the Christen home on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. J. Hale was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club. The game was auction bridge and the prizes were awarded as follows: Club prize, piece of lingerie, won by Mrs. J. Vidales; guest prize, half-dozen wine glasses, won by Mrs. J. B. Morton. Following the game delicious refreshments were served.

Latin-American Dance.

A delightful dance to welcome the New Year was given by the Club Latino-Americano last night at their spacious club rooms. A large attendance and a delightful time marked the event as one of the most successful of the season. The rooms were artistically decorated in a combination of the colors of both countries, and a large orchestra furnished entrancing music for the occasion. At midnight a three-course luncheon was served in the club dining-room, after which toasts were drunk to the New Year. The dance lasted until 3:30 o'clock this morning.

PURE MATTRESS LAW IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 1.—Under the provisions of a law put into effect today every mattress sold in Minnesota must bear a label showing the materials used in its manufacture, and whether they are new or second-hand. Another law passed by the last legislature and which went into effect today makes sweeping changes in the tax classifications. Instead of assessing all property at full value as heretofore, the property is divided into four classes for the purpose of taxation. Iron ore lands are to be assessed at 50 per cent of actual value, household goods and wearing apparel at 25 per cent, merchandise, farm and factory products, tools and implements and unplatted real estate at 33 1/3 per cent, and city real estate at 40 per cent of its actual value.

Has Resumed Practice.

Dr. H. Stow Garlick, who has been attending the hospitals in New York City for the past few months, has returned to Laredo and is at his office in the Richter building over the City Drug Co.

THEY WELCOMED NEW YEAR

Many an Hombre With His Little Artillery Piece Got Busy at Midnight and Blazed Away.

Notwithstanding the fact that City Marshal Brennan had issued peremptory orders to the effect that all parties arrested for discharging firearms within the city limits would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, many a firearm which had been relegated was brought forth last night at midnight and poured forth volley after volley. For a time pistol shots rang out in all parts of the city and many believed that the battle in Nuevo Laredo was in full blast. But it wasn't—it was only a few hombres out with their artillery welcoming the New Year of 1914.

The usual ringing of bells and blowing of whistles which are heard on New Year's were conspicuous by their absence this year, and only the detonations from the belching firearms disturbed the slumbers of those who did not remain up to welcome the new year.

To the Public.

Information has reached the Department of Labor at Austin to the effect that some of the industries in Laredo that come directly under the provisions of the FIFTY-FOUR HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN WORKERS, IN TEXAS, are violating the same, and in as much as violations of this character comes within the duties of this Department for investigation and regulation, the Department will, in the near future investigate and file complaints when found.

J. A. STARLING, Labor Commissioner.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Some Wounded Brought to Laredo.

Several of the combatants participating in the battle of Nuevo Laredo this morning were brought to this city after being wounded and taken to improvised hospitals, where their injuries were treated. Some rebel soldiers were taken to homes of friends here, while some of the wounded of both sides were taken care of by Mrs. Magnon and members of the local Red Cross Society, these being comfortably quartered in the large hall of Mrs. Magnon's preparatory school.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Mexican Steers For Sale.

I will have a train of Mexican steers on sale at the shipping pens in Laredo on January 19th, and another train on or about February 1st. Persons interested can see me at the shipping pens on these dates.

OSCAR THOMPSON,

Hebbronville, Texas.

(Adv.)

Railroad Bridge Was Fired.

According to reports brought in this forenoon the railroad bridge at Sanchez, about twelve miles southwest of Laredo, was fired by constitutionalist soldiers this morning and totally destroyed by the flames. The dense smoke from the burning structure was seen by many on this side who were observing developments on the other side with field glasses.

U. D. C. Meeting.

To members of Benavides Chapter, No. 1499: There will be a regular meeting of the local chapter at the Library rooms Saturday afternoon, January 3, at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is urged.

MRS. J. B. BUTTRON, Vice President.

(Adv.)

Worms the Cause of Your Child's Pains.

A foul, disagreeable breath, dark circles around the eyes, at times feverish, with great thirst; cheeks flushed and then pale, abdomen swollen with sharp cramping pains are all indications of worms. Don't let your child suffer—Kickapoo Worm Killer will give sure relief—it kills the worms—while its laxative effect aids greatly to the health of your child by removing the dangerous and disagreeable effect of worms and parasites from the system. Kickapoo Worm Killer as a health producer should be in every household. Perfectly safe. Buy a box today. Price 25c. All Druggists or by mail, Kickapoo Indian Med. Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

(Adv.)

PERSONALS

Patricio V. Milmo arrived in the city this morning from San Antonio.

Roe Oliver arrived here this morning from San Antonio.

Judge A. P. Spohn of Zapata county is in the city.

Alfred Murphy arrived home yesterday from Mexico, where he has been for the past several months.

Sheriff Amador Sanchez returned this morning from a business trip to San Antonio and Eagle Pass.

Immigration Officer G. C. Raymond and his son, Manuel, of Darwin, are in the city.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Guardianship of Ellis Minors, No. 440. STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Webb.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Anna C. Ellis, Maggie E. Ellis, Eva C. Ellis and Mart Ellis, minors, to appear before the County Court of Webb county, to be held at the town of Laredo Texas, on the 16th day of February A. D. 1914, to contest, if he sees proper, the final account of A. M. Brunl, as guardian of the estate of Anna C. Ellis, Maggie E. Ellis, Eva C. Ellis and Mart Ellis, minors, now on file in said court.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Attest: J. A. RODRIGUEZ, Clerk of the County Court of Webb County, Texas.

By C. R. MOLINA, Deputy. Given under my hand and seal of said court at office, this 31st day of December A. D. 1913.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ, Clerk of the County Court of Webb County, Texas.

By C. R. MOLINA, Deputy. I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the writ now on file in my hands.

AMADOR SANCHEZ, Sheriff Webb Co., Texas. By A. R. GARCIA, Deputy. (Adv.)

NEW WORKMEN'S ACT IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—Some radical changes in industrial conditions in California are brought about by the new workmen's compensation act which became operative today. The act applies to all employers, except agriculturists, horticulturists and viticulturists, stock raisers, poultry and dairy men and employers of domestic servants. In future only recourse for damages for injuries for an employee will be through the compensation act, unless gross personal negligence by the employer can be proved. Under the provisions of the act the employer must pay for all medical care for the first 90 days following the accident. For the first two weeks an injured employee shall receive nothing except medical attention. After that time he shall be entitled to 65 per cent of his wages during the time of disability. If an employee be killed those dependent on him shall receive three times his annual average wages. The employer is given the privilege of insuring with the State, taking out insurance with an indemnity company for his employees or maintaining his own insurance fund.

SLAYER BOSWORTH TO HANG.

Windsor, Vt., Jan. 1.—Officials at the State Prison here have completed arrangements for the execution tomorrow of Arthur Bosworth, the Essex Junction murderer. Unless there is an eleventh-hour reprieve the execution will take place tomorrow morning. The gallows will be the same on which Mary Rogers was executed several years ago. Bosworth shot and killed Mae Labelle at Essex Junction June 9, 1911, because she had repeatedly refused to receive attentions from him. The condemned man is said to have a wife and children living in England.

PASADENA ROSE TOURNAMENT.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—Pasadena presented the aspect of a huge bouquet today on the occasion of her twenty-fifth annual tournament of roses. Fragrant buds and blossoms of innumerable varieties, together with plants and foliage and ferns of many kinds, contributed to the most spectacular floral display ever seen here in the land of flowers. As in previous years, the grand floral parade and the four-horse chariot races were the leading features of the day's programme.

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\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

REBEL FORCES ATTACK N. LAREDO AND REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS

Battle Raged for Several Hours; Rebel Loss Estimated at 300 Killed, Several Hundred Wounded; Federal Loss About 100 Killed and as Many Wounded.

HORRIFYING SIGHT AT OJINAGA FIGHT

MEXICAN FEDERALS WITH SHATTERED ARMS AND LEGS SHOT OFF STRUGGLED TO TEXAS PLEADING FOR HELP.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 1.—The battle of Ojinaga continued this morning. Horrifying sights were witnessed from the American side. Wounded soldiers with shattered arms or legs shot off struggled through the river to Texas soil, pleading with the American soldiers for help. Physicians and medical supplies here were placed at the disposal of the wounded. Some of the wounded Mexicans begged the American soldiers to kill them.

At noon the surrender of the whole Mexican federal army at Ojinaga to the United States was expected momentarily.

PHANTOM BANDITS WORRYING FRANCE

TERRORIZING WINTER TOURIST SECTION WITH INEXPLICABLE ACTS, AND DEFEY EFFORTS OF DETECTIVES.

By Associated Press.

Cannes, France, Jan. 1.—The so-called "phantom bandits," who have terrorized the country in this section with inexplicable acts, today fired two shots through the windows of a large villa at Ranguin, owned by prominent Paris bankers. The bullets grazed two ladies in the villa. The bandits escaped, despite the search by hundreds of detectives.

UNEMPLOYED MEN DISTURB CHICAGO

CARRYING BANNER DEMANDING WORK, NOT CHARITY, THEY INVADDED THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Entering restaurants and demanding food, breaking windows, puncturing automobile tires, halting street cars and shouting that they wanted work, five hundred unemployed men created a great disturbance downtown early today. The police finally dispersed them. They bore a banner inscribed: "We demand work, not charity."

FLEW OVER JERUSALEM.

French Aviator Landed Near the Pool of Siloam in the Midst of Vast Crowds.

By Associated Press.

Jerusalem, Palestine, Jan. 1.—Gen. Francois Xavier Bonnier, a French aviator, flew over Jerusalem New Year's Eve, in the first aeroplane ever seen there. He landed safely near the Pool of Siloam. Vast crowds turned out to see the flight.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

The battle of Nuevo Laredo has been fought and the constitutional forces have been inflicted with another material decrease of their forces as the result of a disastrous defeat. The battle was one of the fiercest ever fought in Northern Mexico during any revolution and while the conflict was at its height both sides fought stubbornly. But the heavy artillery and effective work of the men who manned the machine and galling guns of the federals played havoc with the rebel hosts. Three times they were repulsed but each time the rebels came back strong. The work of the machine guns and artillerymen of the federals were the principal factors in the battle today and to them go credit for the signal victory gained by the government forces. After the conflict the battlefield south of the National Railway shops presented a most gruesome sight, being covered with killed and maimed. It was said that the death toll would reach four hundred, of which about three hundred are rebels, while the list of wounded will approximate a thousand, three-fourths of them being rebels. The final stand of the rebels was made about 10 o'clock this morning and then they retreated in disorder with the federal cavalry in pursuit. But the pursuit was not long, for the federals feared this was done to entrap them, as it is known that a portion of the rebel force was held in reserve and did not participate in the battle.

This morning shortly before six o'clock a skirmishing party of rebels advanced on the federal entrenchments on the southeastern outskirts of the city. Here they encountered the federal outposts and a skirmish fight which lasted a half hour prevailed, but owing to the darkness no effective fighting was done and none were killed. However, about this time a reconnoitering squad of federals were surrounded by a large number of rebels, and it is reported the federals were all killed. This report is denied from federal sources. Following this skirmish fight both sides retired and a lull prevailed.

At 7:40 this morning the real battle began, when the main body of rebels under General Pablo Gonzalez, consisting of both infantry and cavalry, and some of their artillery, advanced on the federal entrenchments on the southern outskirts of Nuevo Laredo just south of the railroad shops. Here a fierce battle followed, the federals being entrenched and fully prepared for the attack. At first a brisk rifle fire came from both sides and a battle royal raged. Later both sides brought their artillery, machine guns and galling guns into action and the real destructive work began. Volley after volley was poured forth from both sides and the heavy guns belched forth destruction. In this fight about twenty-five hundred on each side were engaged. During the time the battle was raging rebel reinforcements to the number of about three hundred arrived from the vicinity of Hidalgo for the purpose of getting in to the fight, but when they appeared on the hilltop to the westward of the city the artillery was turned on them and about one-third of them were mowed down before they realized what happened. These retreated in confused order and were not again seen.

The battle continued from 7:40 until about 9 o'clock, when the rebels, somewhat demoralized by the destructive work of the federal artillery, began to fall back. This they continued to do up to about 10 o'clock, when they began to retreat faster, with the federal cavalry in pursuit. Desultory firing on both sides continued for a while, when the rebels were again rallied and made another stand, but only to be repulsed again. Finally the cavalry gave up the pursuit, although shots were exchanged up to 11 o'clock, though the rebels were then about three miles away. The federals claim that the only officer they lost was Capt. Macias and that the rebels lost a number of officers.

The rebel artillery brought into action during the battle did effective work, but the federals were so strongly fortified that the rebels could not dislodge them. The rebels fought in the open against entrenched federals

throughout the fight, while the heavy guns of the federals, stationed at places where they would do the most destructive work, caused the most havoc.

Desultory fighting was still in progress this afternoon and many are inclined to believe that the real big scrap is yet to come if the rebels carry out their determination to capture Nuevo Laredo. Their effort to draw the federals into the open have failed in a way, but strategem may yet accomplish the purpose. Owing to the fact that there is a network of electrically charged wires around Nuevo Laredo and mines are planted in many places, the rebels have been slow to advance too close to the city, considering it practically suicide to do so.

The rebels have encamped a short distance from Nuevo Laredo and it is said they are preparing to make another attack on that city this afternoon or tomorrow. A number of the wounded of both sides were brought to Laredo today and given treatment in improvised hospitals.

Arrival of Reinforcements.

Last night three special trains over the National Lines arrived in Nuevo Laredo from the vicinity of Lampazos, having aboard reinforcements for the federal garrison there. The troops were in command of General Quintana, and their number were estimated variously at from 500 to 1000 men representing all branches of the army. Shortly after detrainment at the station the incoming troops formed in line and, headed by the military band stationed in Nuevo Laredo, they marched to the main plaza. It was a long line of cheering soldiers with a veritable mob of hoodlums on their trail sending forth viva after viva for somebody—Huerta, Quintana or for the government. Arriving at the main plaza the procession halted and some enthused individual mounted the band stand and in an enthusiastic address he spoke words of praise for the soldiery and heaped vituperation on their enemies.

At the conclusion of the speech-making the procession again formed in line, headed by the band, and wended its way about the city, dispersing shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The maneuvers about the streets of Nuevo Laredo were witnessed by a large number assembled about the monument on the international bridge. The inflamed words of the enthused orator who addressed the crowd on the plaza could be heard by many on the bridge, and following each patriotic sentiment expressed a vociferous roar arose from the mob assembled about the plaza. As far as could be learned the demonstration was characterized by no disorders of a serious nature and it was merely a celebration in honor of the arrival of the reinforcements at a crucial moment—the additional troops reaching there shortly after 10 o'clock to reinforce the garrison threatened by an attack at midnight.

Heavy Guard on This Side.

Throughout yesterday and up to 11 o'clock last night the customary guard of soldiers was maintained at the international bridge, but at 11 o'clock the force was greatly augmented by the arrival of a force of cavalrymen from Fort McIntosh. City Marshal Brennan, who remained on duty throughout the night and until late this morning, was last night furnished with a detail of soldier police. With each city mounted officer five soldiers did guard duty about the city throughout the night. The Milmo Rifles, in command of Capt. Ed. M. Matson and Lieuts. Gullette and Muller, remained at their armory during the greater part of the night, and when hostilities began across the river at 5:50 this morning the militia company rushed to the bridge and were assigned to guard duty to keep the crowds back. They were stationed at street corners within two blocks of the river front.

With the opening of fireworks across the river the troops from Fort McIntosh were assigned to posts of duty. Troop M, Third Cavalry, was dispatched to the international bridge and guarded that structure and its environs and up to the railroad bridge. Troop L, Third Cavalry, was on duty from Santa Ursula Avenue east. The

troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry were on duty near the river front about the railroad bridge, while Troop I, Third Cavalry, was held in reserve at the post.

Firing From American Side.

When the initial firing began before daylight this morning some members of Troop M, while doing patrol duty some distance east of the bridge caught a man standing on the banks of the river on the American side with a 45-calibre pistol in his hand emptying the contents toward where the federals were supposed to be entrenched opposite the power house. He was arrested, disarmed and rushed to the guardhouse.

Wounded Woman Crosses Bridge.

Shortly after the battle was renewed this morning at 7:40 the exodus of women and children from the Mexican side of the river was heavy and a veritable stampede prevailed for a while. During the rush a young woman came hobbling along and as she passed The Times reporter she remarked to an amigo that she had been shot and showed where a bullet had torn away a part of the calf of one leg. She had come to this side for medical treatment and her wound was immediately taken care of.

Rushed Rolling Stock to Laredo.

When the fusillade opened up in earnest at the renewal of the battle at 7:40 this morning, eight engines and a large number of coaches and cars which had been in the National yards in Nuevo Laredo were rushed to this side, the rolling stock coming across the bridge and remaining on a side-track near there.

Some of the Dead.

Among the federal dead in the fight were the following: Ezequiel Gutierrez, a merchant of Nuevo Laredo; Eziquio Parra, merchant, of Nuevo Laredo; Capt. Macias, of the federal army. Capt. Jones of the volunteers and Francisco Alegria were among the wounded. Seven or eight federals are in the hospital having their wounds treated. Thirty prisoners were brought into Nuevo Laredo about 2 o'clock. A visit to a portion of the field disclosed about 200 dead and 82 wounded, the latter unable to move. The wounded were brought in for treatment.

Man Struck by Bullet in Laredo.

This afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock as a stranger was standing on the corner of the Laredo National Bank building he was observed to stagger and fall into the street. He had been struck on the top of the head by a stray bullet from the direction of the federal entrenchments southeast of the city. The unfortunate man was rushed to the hospital. His wound is not considered a serious one, only a small cut being made in his skull.

THE TALLEST BUILDING.

Pan American States Building in New York Will be Fifty-one Stories High.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Pan American States Association filed plans yesterday for the tallest building in the world—fifty-one stories, 894.6 feet high—to be built at Broadway and Fifty-eighth street.

AEROPLANE SERVICE.

Passenger and Express Service Between Tampa and St. Petersburg Inaugurated.

By Associated Press.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1.—Daily aeroplane passenger and express service was inaugurated today between here and St. Petersburg, eighteen miles across the bay. The flight is made in twenty-three minutes. The fare is \$5 each way, but if the passenger weighs over 200 pounds, he pays 5 cents excess for each pound over 200.

OLDEST JUSTICE BEGINS SIXTH TERM.

Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 1.—William R. Hauser, known as the "peace-maker," suitor of Weaverville, today entered upon his sixth consecutive term of office. Mr. Hauser is in his eightieth year and is believed to be the oldest Justice of the Peace in Pennsylvania. During his many years in office he has succeeded in settling peaceably all the cases brought before him, with the exception of four, which he had to send to court.

LETHBRIDGE UNDER COMMISSION RULE.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 1.—Lethbridge, the first city in Canada to adopt straight commission government, today installed its commissioners in office and put the new system into operation. Under the plan as adopted the affairs of the city will be looked after by three commissioners. One, who also serves as mayor, will be in charge of finance and public safety. The second will be in charge of public works and the third will look after the public utilities.

From Wednesday's Daily.

FLOOD PREVENTION.

The San Antonio Express has a timely editorial on the subject of the protection of lands from floods, and points out that the matter is a duty of the state.

The particular point to which the Express writer calls attention is the protection of the people living in the lower Brazos river valley, which he states is clearly the duty of the state, as the river has its origin and its entire course within the state.

He says that it is manifestly unjust to make the protection of the lands in question a local proposition, and the people most affected by the floods are not living in a section where the floods originate, yet they must bear all the burden of protection or see their crops ruined and their homes damaged by the water which comes from many miles away.

The Express writer says that the lowlands of the Brazos valley contain 1,000,000 acres of land subject to overflow, yet it is on these very lands that a considerable portion of the crops of the state are raised. Perhaps not more than a dozen counties in the state are subject to injury by the floods, yet the people of the whole state should bear the burden of the cost of protecting these lands, the writer thinks, because the people of the whole state are more or less affected by the disaster when the Brazos overflow its banks and ruins the season's crops.

To build a series of levees and embankments to protect these lowlands would cost more money than the people of those sections can well afford. Yet the argument has been brought up that the people of the Upper Mississippi valley should pay their share of the cost, through the government, of maintaining the levees in the Lower Mississippi valley. This is an interstate matter, while the Brazos river problem is distinctly a state affair—or should be.

The water that is gathered near the sources of the Brazos may not harm the people of that section. It is the people who live in the lower stretches of the river, nearer to the gulf by some hundreds of miles, that suffer from every flood, and who almost every year see a portion of their profits wiped out by the floods. The question of levees for the lowland stretches of the river, therefore, should be the concern of all.

One of the real causes of the high cost of living is the floods that sweep away a large portion of the crops of the country every year. The crop that is ruined or damaged by the floods never appears to be a factor to the people who see a rich crop elsewhere, yet the man who gets a big price for his corn, his potatoes or his produce owes a share of that price to the fact that somewhere else a crop has been ruined.

Were the lowlands of Texas to be protected from floods, so that every acre of the land could be made productive each year, there would be little need to send away for much of our corn, our potatoes, our wheat and other farm products. And the price to all Texas would be cheaper, without any resultant loss to the state, because the high cost now is partly due to the fact that someone had a crop failure.

A law permitting the construction of levees, the cost to be borne in part, if not wholly, by the state, should be passed. It is not fair that one of the richest sections of our state should be unproductive at intervals because of flood waters from other sections which are not menaced.

DISEASED POTATOES.

The secretary of agriculture has lately issued two orders which are destined to make a difference in the price of potatoes in this country, said difference in price affecting only the grower and not the retail market.

One order was that providing for the admission of disease-free potatoes from uninfected foreign districts under proper regulation and inspection, while the other was to protect American potatoes from powdery scab and other diseases.

The countries quarantined against because of the powdery scab are: Newfoundland; the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon; Great Britain, including England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; Germany, and Austria-Hungary, to include the rest of continental Europe and the Dominion of Canada.

As soon as any country or district can be shown to be free from potato diseases, the quarantine will be lifted and potatoes will be admitted under proper regulation and inspection, as provided in the other order.

A leading commission man said the other day that the admission of potatoes from Canada and other countries would reduce the price of potatoes in the United States at least fifty per cent. It is not believed that this cutting of prices would affect the re-

tail market, for the reason that the importation of Canadian butter and eggs has not reduced the retail prices of those articles one cent.

A hearing was held a week ago, at which it was shown that the present potato crop was above the ten-year average, and that the prices of potatoes in centers of origin is reasonably low. The problem seems to be merely one of distribution, says the secretary of agriculture. He says that no shortage exists above usual market demands, but the supply in farmers' hands is very large.

Should the foreign potatoes be brought in in large quantities, the potatoes now in the hands of the growers would undoubtedly be greatly reduced in price, but the problem of distribution would still be present, and that would militate against a reduction in the retail price.

The agricultural department is not in favor of the marketing bureau which was recently proposed, but declares that the marketing problem could be better solved by co-ordination of the various bureaus of the department.

The cost of living is certainly not to be reduced by the importation of foreign products, unless the matter of distribution is better handled than it has been in the past. The commission men and the retailers are at present making the bulk of the profit and adding the most to the cost to the consumer.

There is no article imported under the new tariff which has been sold at a lower price than the American product. The importation of beef has not lowered the retail price to the consumer although large quantities of beef have been brought in under the free importation act.

Potatoes may be reduced fifty per cent in price by the importation of foreign potatoes, but the public will not be the gainer, while the American grower will be a loser by the deal.

San Francisco advertised that its city officials would pay \$1.50 for four hours' work to the unemployed, who numbered thousands—not because the city was particularly generous, but because there was not enough work to go round at eight hours a day. The result was that over a thousand men swarmed into the city from outside looking for an easy snap, and the city's funds for feeding the unemployed are now exhausted. They will know better next time.

The morning papers contained yesterday the report that the federalists at Ojinaga were disastrously defeated and fleeing in all directions, while the press despatches to The Times stated that the federalists were still in possession of Ojinaga, prepared to make a determined stand. That exemplifies the character of news that is usually sent out from the border towns concerning the present disturbances in Mexico.

The Progressive Democrats who prophesied a defeat for Boss Tom Taggart were disappointed when he carried the entire state yesterday, every district chairman elected being a Taggart sympathizer. Sometimes the boss rule is hard to get rid of.

The few federalists that reached this side were promptly sent back by the United States soldiers. This ought to dispose of the charge frequently made by the rebels that the United States is favoring the federalists.

Notice to the Public.

The public will please take notice that all land and pastures owned by the undersigned company is posted in accordance with law and any person caught hunting or otherwise trespassing therein will be prosecuted.

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By D. D. Davis, vice pres.
10-14-14 (Adv.)

* THIS IS MY 58th BIRTHDAY *

BARON SANDYS.

Michael Edwin Marcus Sandys, fifth Baron Sandys, was born December 21, 1855, and succeeded to his title upon the death of his brother in 1904. The family of Baron Sandys has several claims to distinction. One of its members was Sir Edwin Sandys, who, as chief officer of the London company of Virginia, issued instructions for the meeting of the assembly which convened at Jamestown, Va., July 30, 1619. This was the first elective body ever convened in the western world. Another of the family, the first Baron Sandys, is credited with being the original projector of the recipe for the widely known condiment entitled "Worcestershire sauce." The present holder of the title has long been a prominent figure on the London Stock Exchange. He is childless and in the event of his death he will be succeeded in the title by his brother, the Hon. Edmund Sandys, whose wife is an American woman.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Hard to Find.

The United States government is experiencing difficulty in finding first-class, male stenographers willing to work for \$840 a year. If Uncle Sam demands real talent, why doesn't he loosen up and offer \$75 a month?—Galveston News.

They Knew Better.

A scientist delving in the ruins of old Egypt has discovered that the old heathens were away upon music and in the manufacture of musical instruments. He insists that they were way ahead of present day musicians. Further, he states that prima donnas were compelled to commit suicide at the very height of their fame. Some of our prima donnas don't wait that long, some of them too long.—Newson Argus.

It will prove interesting to know what they compelled alleged prima donnas to do when they insisted upon inflicting the public with their trills.—Houston Post.

Use Storage Eggs.

Twelve thousand club women, in Chicago, have sworn off from eating eggs until the price per dozen, which is now 45 and 49 cents, drops to 32 cents. If the price don't go down before New Year what are the poor hubbies going to do for that holiday inspiration, found only in a drink known as "egg nog," which cannot be compounded without hens' fruit, or do Chicago "club women" have "hubbies"?—Beeville Bee.

Why He Hired Him.

An Illinois farmer writes: We hired a man once because we noticed that he spoke pleasantly to his team. It was a small thing, but the straws show which way the wind blows. He stayed with us three years, only left to go on a farm of his own, and all that time we never heard a curse, or saw a blow struck in anger. The stock did better during those three years than it had done for a long time. The cows looked more thrifty, the horses grew less skittish and rest less, and even the young stock settled down into regular, sober habits. Did it pay? Try it and see for yourself.—Stockman and Farmer.

Another Dare.

Wonder what Huerta will get for a Christmas gift? Let's leave it to Villa.—Cotulla Record.

The Test for Office.

The test for a man who offers himself as a candidate for office should be his character as has been established by his service to society in private life. Those who have done little for their neighbors in private life need hardly be expected to do much for their electors in public life.—Farm and Ranch.

What Causes Them.

A great wave of interest in "Better Babies" is sweeping the country. The various phases of the subject were rather fully discussed during the meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs held in Corpus Christi recently and it was decided that "better babies" were the direct result of better parents. Not a very startling conclusion but one often overlooked, nevertheless.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Get Over It Quick.

There is one advantage in early Christmas shopping, anyway: The sooner one is done with it, the more quickly one can recuperate and recover from the drain on one's pocketbook. San Benito shoppers might bear this in mind.—San Benito Light.

Getting Rich.

The moving picture business in Jacksonville continues to be a prosperous one, so much so that both concerns are now preparing to give away some of their profits in the way of silverware. The public is always in a receptive mood, and duly thankful for all gifts, so let the good work proceed. Maybe after a while they will give away automobiles, or perhaps it will only be cycle cars, which come cheaper.—Cherokee Co. Banner.

Necessary Delays.

Villa explains how he is going to march right on to Mexico City, and reach there on schedule time. We suppose he has made allowance for brief stops en route to shoot his prisoners of war in the back.—Houston Post.

Or Better, Roy.

We are looking to see the longest of the tail-feathers from the Thanksgiving birds doing duty as stick-ups on some of the late millinery. They would look quite as well, for instance, as something resembling a cod-fish ball on the end of a knitting-needle.—Port Arthur News.

For neat and accurate job work ring up 43.

BIG BATTLE SEEMS IMMINENT

Surrender of Nuevo Laredo Will be Demanded and Rejected and Battle Seems Unavoidable.

Reports in a Nutshell.

The federal reinforcements which were scheduled to reach Nuevo Laredo last night have failed to arrive. The additional troops which were to join General Pablo Gonzales of the rebel forces near San Ignacio yesterday, have arrived and the rebel army is now reported as 3,000 strong.

The demand by the rebels for the surrender of Nuevo Laredo will be made today and will meet with a rejection. This means a scrap.

The exodus from Nuevo Laredo to the American side is under way and many are fleeing to this side.

The military forces at Fort McIntosh have "wind" of something brewing and have issued instructions.

According to the many reports in circulation today Nuevo Laredo is to be the scene of another battle within a few hours as the rebels have made all preparations for attacking that place. If there is any credence to be put in reports circulated today a demand has been prepared and will be presented to the federal military commander of Nuevo Laredo asking for the surrender of the town. This demand, it is said will be rejected by Colonel Guardiola, the military commander, and the rebels will then give the women, children and non-combatants so many hours to vacate the town. In fact, the exodus of this element is already under way and the usual rush to the American side following the dissemination of news of an alarming character is on in full blast.

It was reported yesterday that General Quintana and a force of 1,200 federalists were en route to Nuevo Laredo to reinforce the garrison of about 700 federalists stationed there—but they have failed to arrive. It was also reported that a force of 1,000 additional troops were en route to join the forces of the rebel commander, General Pablo Gonzales, near San Ignacio yesterday, and they arrived on time, after which the march toward Nuevo Laredo was begun yesterday afternoon.

The military commander of Fort McIntosh, on the American side, has heard the rumors and reports and has accordingly made all necessary preparations for an emergency.

The document asking for the surrender of Nuevo Laredo to the rebels was left in Laredo yesterday. It was to have been delivered at noon, and refusal to accede to the demands would mean an attack at midnight—at the time when many will be welcoming the new year. So, be careful if you hear incessant firing of guns at midnight, for it may mean considerably more serious things than ushering in the new year.

Delivered Gonzalez's Demand.

Shortly after noon a party unknown to The Times crossed the bridge in an automobile and delivered to Col. Guardiola the demand of the rebel commander, Pablo Gonzalez, for the surrender of the town.

U. D. C. Meeting.

To members of Benavides Chapter, No. 1499: There will be a regular meeting of the local chapter at the Library rooms Saturday afternoon, January 3, at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is urged.

MRS. J. B. BUTTRON,
Vice President.
(Adv.)

Some Beautiful Calendars.

Some of the most beautiful and artistic calendars ever distributed among their friends and patrons by Laredo business houses are the pretty specimens being sent out now. The Times office has received several fine calendars during the past few days, among them being those of the Consumers' Ice & Fuel Co., A. Deutz & Bro., and the First State Bank & Trust Co., some as richly colored and beautiful specimens of art as could be desired. Other business houses are also sending out fine calendars.

Croup and Cough Remedy.

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c. and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.
(Adv.)

LITTLE LOCALS

If the wild reports which are in circulation today are true, there is liable to be something doing about the midnight hour. And it would be well for those who generally get out and usher in the new year with the firing of guns to forego this practice tonight, for things may be serious enough without their adding to the din.

—Mezcal Supremo de Maguey, Tequila "Toreador," Aguardiente de Parras (pura uva), Vino Medicinal "Guadalupe," at Charlie Ross's saloon.
(Adv.) 12-31-14.

—Best place in town to eat is the Club Cafe. Best drip coffee. Oysters in any style. Open all night. F. C. Masterson, Proprietor.
(Adv.) 12-29-14.

—The Times acknowledges receipt of a unique New Year's card in the form of a photograph showing Prof. Dominguez in his office at the "Instituto Dominguez," a blackboard in front of his desk bearing the New Year's greeting. Many happy returns, professor.

—Beginning Monday, December 29, the Bon Ton will have all pattern hats at half price; street hats, 2-3 off; fancy feathers, 2-3 off; French plumes, 1-4 off. Special sale of ribbon and neckwear at cost. 12-27-14
(Adv.)

—Jesse Billings, who has been visiting his old home in Gonzales, returned to Laredo yesterday afternoon accompanied by his two children who have been making their home there. Last night Mr. Billings had a family reunion at his home.

—Port Lavaca fresh oysters in cans and in bulk, twice a week. Call up John Bruni, Phone 191.
(Adv.) 12-16-14.

—H. L. Myers, transfer. Guarantees against breakage. Phone 276.
(Adv.) 12-18-14.

—Tomorrow being the Feast of the Circumcision, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ church at 9:30 a. m. A special invitation is extended to those recently confirmed to attend this service.

—Boiler repairing work guaranteed. E. L. Schopper, 2204 Coke St.
(Adv.) 12-11-14.

—J. A. Applewhite sells Texas motor oils and gasoline.
(Adv.) 12-6-14.

—And it appears now that that big celebration in February will be staged as usual on a bigger and grander scale than ever. Laredo can't pass up a celebration of the birthday anniversary of the father of his country.

—Dr. Fred Foster, veterinary surgeon, Fort McIntosh, Texas. Phone 2004.
(Adv.) 12-5-14.

—Tom and Jerry at the Ross Saloon. Send for some.
(Adv.) 12-26-14.

—This is the last day of the deer hunting season. Tomorrow many of the nimrods will return home with their supply of venison—what they killed with their rifles or with silver bullets.

—Best rubber applied on vehicles. Jno. A. Applewhite.
(Adv.) 3-15-14.

—Felix de la Rosa, practical boiler-maker. Guarantees his work. 1804 Coke Street. Phone 769.
(Adv.) 12-3-14.

—"There will be a hot time in the old town tonight," but indications are the temperature will soar considerably higher in the burg across the way if reports are true.

—John A. Applewhite, agent for Buick Autos. Phone 16.
(Adv.) 6-4-14.

—Full line Queen Quality shoes and hose at Satt's.
(Adv.) 3-3-14.

—L. V. Pender, with Sames, Moore & Co., reports the sale of three Ford touring cars to C. C. Hurley, B. L. Livingston and R. L. Hendrickson of Artesia Wells.

—Just arrived, new stock auto tires and tubes. Ten per cent cut in prices. Jno. A. Applewhite. Phone 16.
(Adv.) 10-28-14.

—Yesterday it was stated that federal reinforcements would reach Nuevo Laredo last night or this morning. If they came, however, nobody saw them.

—Phone Bautista Garage for cars to hire. Phone 13. Automobile repairing.
(Adv.) 7-25-14.

—Tomorrow you must remember to date your correspondence "1914." Some will sure be glad to eliminate that "13" in the date lines.

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USHERING IN THE NEW YEAR
There Will be Several "Watch Parties" Tonight; Others Will "Dance Out" Old Year.
HAD SCRAP AT RODRIGUEZ?
Federalists and Rebels Came Together in Encounter Monday Afternoon, But Reports Meagre.

Tonight when the hands of the clock indicates the hour of midnight a din will resound throughout the land, whistles will be tied down, bells will ring and bedlam general will prevail for a few minutes in celebration of the departure of the vanishing year and the entry of the New Year.

Quite a few "watch parties" will be held tonight, when groups of young people will arrange to pass the evening pleasantly until midnight in order to be awake when the old year makes its exit and the glad new year makes its advent.

At the spacious hall of the Latino-Americano Club the members of that organization and invited friends will "jig out the old and jig in the new year," ending one year with pleasure and beginning the other with pleasure in anticipation that likened happiness will predominate throughout the year 1914.

Notice to Celebrators.
Persons who get out celebrating during the holidays are hereby warned that the ordinance prohibiting the firing of cannon crackers will be strictly enforced and anyone caught violating this ordinance will be arrested and severely punished.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.
(Adv.)

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years a name as first, best, and true. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

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Hot Boullions and Soups.
Oysters: Raw, Cocktails, Fried, Stewed and Loaf.
Chile con Carne, Roast Beef, Minced Chicken and Chicken Salad Sandwiches.
Hot Coffee and Chocolate.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Jose Mora and Nicolasa Martinez, Filiberto Yanez and Santos Moreno, Santos Gil and Mrs. Maria Salinas, Generoso Galvan and Celia Yanez, Ramon Ruiz and Felicit Benavides, Victacion Vergara and Encarnacion Medina, Francisco Rodriguez and Carmen Rendon, Juan Guerrero and Anacleta Moreno.

—Best place in town to eat is the Club Cafe. Best drip coffee. Oysters in any style. Open all night. F. C. Masterson, Proprietor. 12-29-1m (Adv.)

—Beginning Monday, December 29, the Bon Ton will have all pattern hats at half price; street hats, 2-3 off; fancy feathers, 2-3 off; French plumes, 1-4 off. Special sale of ribbon and neckwear at cost. 12-27-6t (Adv.)

—A party arriving in Laredo today from Monterey, having walked from Monterey to Lampazos and then made his way to this city by various stages, reports that the railroad track north of Monterey is in a deplorable condition and that it will be some time before it can be repaired so as to resume service. He told what his eyes saw, and did not guess at what he was saying.

—Racine tires. Clifford & Hefflin. (Adv.)

—Port Lavaca fresh oysters in cans and in bulk, twice a week. Cal' up John Bruni, Phone 191. 12-16-4f. (Adv.)

—H. L. Myers, transfer. Guarantees against breakage. Phone 276. 12-18-4f. (Adv.)

—Many Laredo people are planning great things for the new year. Home improvement in many respects is one of the things that will receive attention and many Laredo homes will be beautiful by the planting of shrubbery and ornamental trees. And the time to plant trees is near at hand, too.

—Boiler repairing work guaranteed. E. L. Schopper, 2204 Coke St. 12-11-1m. (Adv.)

—J. A. Applewhite sells Texas motor oil's and gasoline. 12-6-4f. (Adv.)

—Tomorrow is the last day on which deer can be killed, hence many nimrods are in the country in quest of venison and will no doubt continue on the trail until the last minute or until they get their full quota of game.

—Dr. Fred Foster, veterinary surgeon, Fox McIntosh, Texas. Phone 2004. 12-5-1m. (Adv.)

—Tom and Jerry at the Ross Saloon. Send for some. 12-26-6t. (Adv.)

—Best rubber applied on vehicles. Jno. A. Applewhite. 3-16-4f. (Adv.)

—The mid-season lull in business which generally prevails here between Christmas and New Year's day is now in full evidence and there is little doing about the city. Things will pick up next week.

—Felix de la Rosa, practical boiler-maker. Guarantees his work. 1804 Coke Street. Phone 769. 12-3-4f. (Adv.)

—John A. Applewhite, agent for Buick Autos. Phone 16. 6-4-4f. (Adv.)

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—Full line Queen Quality shoes and hose at Saff's. 3-3-4f. (Adv.)

—Just arrived, new stock auto tires and tubes. Ten per cent cut in prices. Jno. A. Applewhite. Phone 16. 10-28-4f. (Adv.)

—Only one more day and old 1913 will have vanished into history. It has been an unfortunate year in many respects and many will rejoice at its departure.

—Phone Bautista Garage for cars to hire. Phone 13. Automobile repairing. 7-25-4f. (Adv.)

Croup and Cough Remedy.

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c. and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all Drugists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. (Adv.)

Children Had Royal Time.

Last night the children of the Sunday school of Christ church were given their Christmas tree at the rectory. Preceding the dismantling of the tree, a short carol service was held in the church, after which Mrs. F. M. Gregory told the children the story of the first Christmas tree. The tree was beautifully decorated with colored electric lights, and was burdened with presents for all the children, as well as for some of the "children of older growth."

Has Resumed Practice.

Dr. H. Stow Garlick, who has been attending the hospitals in New York City for the past few months, has returned to Laredo and is at his office in the Richter building over the City Drug Co.

FLORIDA TEACHERS IN SESSION.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 30.—Florida school teachers took possession of Key West today and will exercise control until Thursday. The occasion is the annual convention of the State association, of which Dr. J. L. Kelly of Gainesville is president. United States Senator Bryan, Dr. Knapp of the department of agriculture, and President Murphree of the University of Florida are among the scheduled speakers. At the close of the convention the teachers will take a trip to Havana.

LUCY HOKE SMITH A BRIDE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith of Georgia and one of the most popular girls in the official set in Washington, today became the bride of Elsin Alston Simpson, U. S. N., a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Fort Gaines, Ga. The wedding took place at noon at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Smith had no attendants and only the relatives of the two families and a few intimate friends from the South were in attendance.

MATHEWS-ALDRICH.

New York, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Maude H. Aldrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Aldrich, and Stanley Matthews, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Matthews of Cincinnati and a grandson of the late Stanley Matthews, Supreme Court Justice and at one time United States senator from Ohio, took place in Calvary Church this afternoon. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Burroughs of London, England, as maid of honor. Shirley Morgan of Cincinnati acted as best man.

WASHINGTONIANS FEEL AGGRIEVED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—It is putting it mildly to say that the people of Washington feel aggrieved over President Wilson's act in canceling the New Year reception at the White House. However sound and reasonable may have been the President's reasons for abolishing the time-honored custom, the people feel that he has deprived them of one of their most cherished privileges. New Year's Day in the capital without the White House reception is going to be a strange New Year indeed, particularly for the older inhabitants who have stood in line times without number and awaited their turn to shake hands with the President.

The historical records show that the New Year's reception at the White House dates back to the very founding of the national capital. Within the memory of the present generation the programme for the function has remained practically unchanged. First to be received were the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps, followed by the judiciary, former cabinet officers, ambassadors, ministers, etc. Then came members of Congress, army and navy officers, heads of Government departments and bureaus, members of District military organizations and the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia. Beginning at 12:30 o'clock and continuing for about two hours the President greeted the plain citizens, many of whom had been in line since early morning.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

John Barrymore is to have the leading role in "The Yellow Ticket," the new play by Michael Morton.

The plays yet to be produced in New York this season by Charles Frohman are J. M. Barrie's "The Legend of Leonora," with Maude Adams in the principal part; Billie Burke in W. S. Maugham's modern play of North American frontier life, "The Land of Promise"; a musical opera entitled "The Laughing Husband"; a new play now being written by Harrison Rhodes and Thomas Wise; a dramatization of Sudermann's "The Song of Songs," by Edward Sheldon, and a new farce entitled "A Little Water on the Side," with William Collier in the leading role.

THE IROQUOIS THEATER FIRE.

Ten Years Since Horrible Catastrophe Shocked the Whole Civilized World.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Ten years ago today Chicago was the scene of a fire catastrophe that shocked the whole civilized world—the burning of the new Iroquois Theater, in which 652 persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives.

Today a large proportion of the city's population paused in the pursuit of their usual occupations to pay tribute to the memory of the dead. Hundreds of persons joined in the programme of memorial services held at the Iroquois Memorial Emergency Hospital. Similar services were held in a number of churches. In the downtown district the flags on many buildings were at half mast. Silent pilgrimages were made to the various cemeteries, where wreaths were laid on the graves of the victims of the disaster.

The burning of the Iroquois Theater was the most appalling disaster of its kind in the history of America, and will long be remembered of families who lost one or more of their members in the catastrophe.

The fire originated on the stage of the theater during the matinee performance of December 30, 1903, at a time when every part of the house was crowded with the usual holiday audience of women and children. The theater was practically new, having been opened only a few weeks previous to the fire. It was a playhouse of the first-class and was of so-called fireproof construction. As a matter of fact the house itself suffered comparatively little damage from the fire. The official investigation showed that the great loss of life was the result of panic among the spectators.

The attraction at the theater on the fatal day was the Christmas spectacle of "Bluebeard," which had been running at the Iroquois since the opening of the theater. It was the general belief that sparks from one of the spotlights stationed in the wings of the stage ignited some of the flimsy pieces of scenery and in a few moments the blaze spread upwards toward the flies.

Some of the actors and employees tried to beat out the flames, but did not succeed and the signal was given to lower the fireproof curtain. Owing to the fact that a rope with which the aerial ballet was manipulated, had been so fastened that it obstructed the movements of the curtain, the latter could not be lowered for some time.

When the curtain was finally released the fire had made such progress on the stage that the employees became panic stricken and opened the large double door in the rear of the stage. This resulted in a terrific draft that caused the asbestos curtain to bulge out into the auditorium. In a few minutes the curtain tore and fell and an immense volume of smoke and flames poured into the house.

When the curtain fell the most of the seats on the orchestra floor had been emptied by the panic-stricken spectators, and they were crowding through the exits as fast as they could. When the smoke and flames poured into the auditorium, sweeping the whole interior, hundreds were overcome. They fell in heaps at the exits and were suffocated by the smoke and heat.

Those on top of the pile of humanity were scorched beyond recognition. The situation was made worse by the fact that the ushers had fled at the first alarm, without stopping long enough to unlock the safety exits with which every floor was provided.

The spectators, finding the safety exits bolted and locked, were compelled to seek their way out through the main entrance and lobby of the theater. This entrance immediately became jammed and hundreds perished before they could reach the open air. A few fortunate ones saved their lives by way of planks stretched from the upper floors of the theater across an alley to the buildings opposite.

The fire was soon under control. At first it was not thought that the loss of life had been great and the full extent of the disaster was not realized until the firemen reached the balcony and galleries of the house, where they found the dead piled up six or eight feet high.

The catastrophe plunged the entire city in mourning. The police department took charge of the removal of the hundreds of bodies and they were taken to the various undertaking establishments and improvised morgues, where they were laid in rows on the bare floors to await identification. Many of the victims were so terribly burned that recognition was impossible. Many of the bodies were not identified until months after the disaster and some of them were never identified. The unidentified bodies were buried side by side in one of the cemeteries and on each anniversary their graves are decorated with flowers by the Iroquois Memorial Society.

PERSONALS

Dr. Mitchell, formerly with the state health department in Laredo, but now located in Dallas, is in the city shaking hands with old friends and wishing them a happy new year.

Mrs. George L. Hatley of Galveston is visiting in Laredo and is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Biskamp.

Earl C. Bowen, who has been spending the past week with relatives in Dimmitt county, arrived in Laredo today. Mr. Bowen, who is in the printing business in Corpus Christi, leaves for home tomorrow.

A Short Circuit.

Rev. C. W. Cook is dodging everybody who looks like an electrician these days, and the reason for it is as follows: In preparing for the children's Christmas tree, the electric light company sent him the bulbs and a pair of pliers, he undertaking to make the connections. The rector went into the attic and after crawling about on his hands and knees he found the wire and cut off a generous length to make the connection. He made the connection all right, but upon descending to the room where the tree was, he found the ladies of the parish frantically endeavoring to get telephone connection, and it gradually dawned upon him that he had cut the telephone wire instead of the electric light wire. After some effort, the change was effected, but he is still wondering what Weber is going to do to him.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been filed for record with the county clerk since our last report:

C. S. Hunter to Nathaniel Harris and Jas. Dalphal, lots 1 and 2 in block 11, Div. A, Torrecillas, Webb county. Consideration, \$45.

J. W. Stencil to Chas. Reed Realty and Assurance Co., farm tracts Nos. 294 and 295, block 47, lot 3, block 25, and lot 12 in block 10, Adamson Town site, Webb county. Consideration, \$556.

J. A. Stephenson to J. W. Scribner, same as above. Consideration, \$500. W. R. Pace to Francisco V. Contreras, lot 8, block 36, E. D. Consideration, \$150.

Cristobal Benavides to Juan M. Martin, lots 5, 6 and 7, in block 693, W. D. Consideration, \$900.

George W. Sprague to Gertrudis Contreras, lot 5, in block 103, E. D. Consideration, \$75.

George W. Sprague to Mrs. Felipa Contreras, lot 6, block 103, E. D. Consideration, \$100.

MEET TO DISCUSS LABOR LEGISLATION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A large gathering of men and women who are regarded as authorities on industrial relations assembled at the Shoreham Hotel today for the opening of the seventh annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation. The meeting, which is to continue over tomorrow, is held in conjunction with the annual session of the American Political Science Association.

The two days' programme has been arranged to bring out prominently the plans of the Federal industrial relations commission, recently appointed by President Wilson. Chairman Frank P. Walsh of that commission delivered the opening address today and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman of New York and Prof. John R. Commons of Wisconsin, also members of the commission, led in the informal discussion.

The session tomorrow morning will be presided over by Henry R. Seager of Columbia University and will be devoted to a discussion of the question, "Is Compulsory Sickness Insurance Practicable in America?" One of the speakers will be James M. Lynch, former president of the International Typographical Union and now New York State Commissioner of Labor.

Tomorrow afternoon the conference will discuss "Working Hours in Continuous Industries." Charles Sumner Bird of Massachusetts will preside and among the participants in the discussion will be Ernst Freund of Chicago University Law School, President Garretson of the Order of Railway Conductors, S. Thurston Ballard, a prominent manufacturer of Louisville, and B. M. Manly, special agent of the United States bureau of labor investigation of the iron and steel industry.

When Madame Aguglia, the Sicilian actress, opens her New York season in a few weeks she will be seen in a repertoire which will include "Zaza," "Camille," "Salome," "Elektra" and "The Thief." The tragedienne comes to New York from South America, where she has been playing for two years.

FEDERALS FLED IN PANIC TO THIS SIDE

DISHEARTENED BY LACK OF PAY, THEY LEFT OJINAGA FOR TEXAS SOIL BUT WERE SENT BACK.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 30.—The federals and rebels resumed fighting at Ojinaga this morning. Daylight developed the fact that last night's panic among the Ojinaga federals was caused by skirmishing eighteen miles from Ojinaga. The federals, who had been uneasy because of their lack of pay, became terror-stricken at the sound of firing. Five hundred of them leaped into the river, armed, and crossed into Texas, but United States soldiers forced 400 of them back without leaving the water and captured 100 who waded ashore, later sending them back.

About 4,000 men on each side are engaged, the rebels slightly outnumbering the federals.

As the rebels opened a desultory fire within sight of Ojinaga this morning, the federals retreated to their innermost trenches, apparently without an ultimate hope of winning.

Before retreating, the federals made several brief stands at points within a few miles of Ojinaga. From the American side of the river the federals' chances appeared slim. It is reported that the rebels received reinforcements today which greatly outnumbered the federals.

It is rumored that the rebels' orders are to show no mercy to captured federals and to summarily execute Generals Orozco, Salazar, Rojas and Alanis.

MOYER'S BROTHER TO BE HIS GUARD

WHEN STRIKE LEADER RETURNS TO CALUMET HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BODYGUARD.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—When Charles H. Moyer returns to Calumet, Mich., the personal bodyguard to accompany him will include his brother, S. F. Moyer, chief of police of Boone, Iowa.

PRESIDENT STILL RESTING.

On Advice of Physicians, Mr. Wilson is Transacting no Business Whatever.

By Associated Press.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—On the physicians' advice, President Wilson transacted no business whatever, devoting his entire time to rest and recreation.

100,000 TO SING IN THE NEW YEAR.

New York, Dec. 30.—More than 100,000 persons are expected to gather about the community Christmas tree in Madison Square tomorrow night and join in the welcoming song at the birth of the New Year. A band of seventy-five pieces and a group of several hundred choristers will lead in the musical programme.

STREET PRAYERS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Church workers and city authorities of Chicago have united in efforts to have a "decorous" New Year's Eve celebration in this city tomorrow night. By order of Mayor Harrison all saloons will be closed promptly an hour after midnight and no hotels or restaurants will be permitted to sell liquor after that hour. No horns, confetti, or "ticklers" will be allowed in the streets. Three hundred ministers have offered to pray at the downtown street corners where the New Year celebrants are in the habit of gathering.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our most sincere thanks to those who so kindly tendered their loving sympathy and tender ministrations on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Eugenia Christen McKendrick, and to assure them of our earnest prayers that when their hour of sorrow comes they may find the same Christian fellowship which they showed to us.

William McKendrick and Father, Eugene Christen and Family.

CITY'S FUNDS ARE NOW EXHAUSTED

SAN FRANCISCO OFFERED \$1.50 FOR FOUR HOUR'S WORK TO HELP THE MEN WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 30.—The city's funds for feeding the unemployed have been exhausted. When the city announced that it would pay \$1.50 for four hours' work, it is alleged, nearly 1,000 men flocked to the city, including even railroad laborers who quit their regular jobs to take the city money.

COL. THOMPSON FINED.

Indicted With Others For the Cotton Corner Was Fined \$4,000 Like Others.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 30.—Col. Robert M. Thompson, indicted with Messrs. Patton, Scales and others for the 1909 cotton corner, pleaded nolo contendere today, and was fined \$4,000.

TOM TAGGART WON.

Indiana Boss Who Was Opposed by Progressives Still Leader in Indiana.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 30.—Thomas Taggart won a sweeping victory in the district conventions all over the state yesterday, every man elected to a district chairmanship being a Taggart sympathizer.

HOUSTON OPPOSED TO MARKET BUREAU

SAYS BETTER RESULTS CAN BE SECURED BY CO-OPERATION OF WORK IN HIS OWN DEPARTMENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston opposes establishing a bureau of marketing. He says better results can be accomplished by co-operation of work in his department.

QUEEN SOPHIA DEAD.

Queen Mother of Sweden, Widowed For Six Years, Died Today in Stockholm.

By Associated Press.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 30.—Queen Mother Sophia, widow of King Oscar, who died in 1907, died today, aged 78 years.

BISHOP KEILEY'S ANNIVERSARY.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 30.—Tomorrow morning Rt. Rev. Benjamin Keiley, bishop of Savannah, will celebrate pontifical high mass in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The bishop has received many congratulations from friends throughout the South upon the anniversary.

TO GIVE PARTY FOR THE BOWERY.

New York, Dec. 30.—Not the least interesting of the varied entertainments with which the metropolis is planning to usher in the New Year tomorrow night will be the party to be given by Frederick Townsend Martin, society leader, author and "uplifter of the poor." Mr. Martin terms the affair a Bowery party and his guests will include several hundred men, women and children gathered up indiscriminately along that famous thoroughfare and in the neighboring streets of the lower East Side. Mr. Martin will have a supper for his guests, following which some famous opera singers and musicians will furnish entertainment for the gathering.

Notice to Celebrators.

Persons who get out celebrating during the holidays are hereby warned that the ordinance prohibiting the firing of cannon crackers will be strictly enforced and anyone caught violating this ordinance will be arrested and severely punished.

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12-22-10t. (Adv.)

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BIG STORES THROWN INTO BANKRUPTCY

SIX ENTERPRISES REPRESENTING ANNUAL BUSINESS OF FORTY MILLIONS TO BE CLOSED OUT.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 30.—Six enterprises controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation in New York and Boston were thrown into bankruptcy today in friendly proceedings. These concerns did an annual gross business estimated at \$40,000,000, but it is reported that their Christmas business did not meet expectations and they were hard pressed by the curtailment of their banking credit. The failure had no effect on the stock market.

The companies involved were: The Fourteenth street store of Simpson, Crawford & Co., Henry Siegel & Co., bankers, Henry Siegel & Co., wholesalers, and the Merchants Express Co., all of New York, and Henry Siegel Co., of Boston. Siegel & Co. and Opera & Co. of Chicago are not affected but instead are declared highly prosperous. Henry Siegel and F. E. Vogel have pledged \$3,500,000 toward the protection of depositors in the Siegel bank, which is run in connection with the Fourteenth street store. This bank will liquidate.

HANS SCHMIDT JURY OUT.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.—The jury in the murder case of Hans Schmidt, charged with the murder of Anna Ammiller, is still out.

AUSTRIAN DUELIST DENIED ENTRANCE

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS FINALLY PERMITTED HIM TO ENTER FOR ONE MONTH UNDER BOND.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Emil Zerokowitz, an Austrian duelist who was held up by the immigration authorities in New York, has been ordered admitted for one month, under \$500 bond.

ENGLISH MILLS CLOSED.

By Associated Press. Blackburn, Eng., Dec. 30.—Eighteen weaving mills closed because of the slump in the cotton trade, and others are preparing to close.

HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE.

By Associated Press. Chirino, Texas, Dec. 30.—A \$70,000 fire destroyed nineteen business houses here today.

RURAL CREDIT SOUGHT.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—The New England members of the American commission on agricultural organization and rural credits that visited Europe last summer met at the State House here today and began a two days' conference with the object of deciding upon a uniform credit and co-operation policy to extend throughout New England. The Massachusetts legislature which is about to assemble will be asked to act on a bill giving credit to the farmers through the issuance of bonds on a co-operative basis or by some other form that may be considered best. Such a measure, it is believed, will greatly help to encourage agricultural activities on the millions of acres of waste lands in New England.

Emmanuel Relcher, head of the Lessing Theater in Berlin, is to go to San Francisco during the Panama Exposition and give a series of plays in which he has become famous.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

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THEY DID NOT LIKE HIM.

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, claims to have been shot, beaten and dragged through the streets of Hancock, Michigan, by a mob which he claims was formed of the Citizens' Alliance, and forcibly deported from the town, with the threat of being hanged if he ever returned.

He reached Milwaukee with a gunshot wound in his back, covered with blood, and with his head swathed in bloody bandages. His condition was serious, and he charged that it was because he refused to retract a statement that the men who started the panic in which many women and children were killed Christmas Eve were instigated to cause the panic by members of the Citizens' Alliance.

Moyer has been guilty of inciting to violence on many occasions, and with his former companion, who is now the chief of the Industrial Workers of the World, and one other man, was charged with the murder of Governor Steunenberg of Idaho by a dynamite bomb, the confession of Harry Orchard all but convicting the three.

Since that time, Moyer has been engaged in many strikes in which violence was indulged in by the strikers, and the late copper mine strike in Calumet, as well as the coal mine strike in Colorado, are examples of the kind of strikes carried on under his direction.

With all the violence of which Moyer has been accused, there is no excuse for the violence of which he was the victim. He may have been persecuted by the men whom he accuses, or it may have been done by less responsible people under the disguise of lovers of law and order. But it is absolutely indefensible, no matter who did it.

Meeting violence with violence, like fighting fire with fire, never leads to any good end. It may be true that Moyer was instigating acts of violence on the part of the strikers, but even that does not excuse anyone for having shot or beaten him. His deportation may have been demanded by the circumstances, but there was no need of maltreating him, no matter of what he was guilty.

The opponents of the strikers have lost in the sympathy of the people by this act. No sensible person believes that such men as are represented in the membership of the Citizens' Alliance had anything to do with the panic on Christmas Eve. But the mere charge of such an irresponsible as Moyer is not cause enough for anyone to incite violence against his person.

The statement attributed to Moyer that he would return to the copper district within fifteen days under the protection of state and national authorities may be justified, but it is hardly likely that either state or national officials will trouble themselves to assure him protection.

He is a firebrand, and the sooner the miners recognize that such tactics as his will not gain them anything, the sooner they will begin to realize their best aspirations. Had it not been for the violence in the Calumet region, the strike would probably have been settled some time ago.

THE WHISTLE NUISANCE.

The Corpus Christi Caller lately called attention to the siren whistle on the Pilot Boy, a steamer of that port, and said that it was a joyful sound which the Caller would like to hear more of, whereupon the Houston Post remarked that the Caller "man should come to Houston and hear the many sirens which announce six o'clock in that city."

If there is one absolutely indefensible nuisance in this modern age, it is the factory whistle. In some factory towns people have become so calloused to the needless noise, that

they do not notice the blowing of the whistle, save as a reminder that their men folk must get to work if they have not already gone.

But those who are visiting such a town have their nerves worn to a frazzle by the unnecessary bellowing, and repeated blasts of the whistles at noon and at quitting time only serve to emphasize the fact that a whistle in these days, except perhaps as a fire alarm, is an anachronism.

Whistles were first placed in factories at a time when few people possessed a clock. Frequently in a New England factory village the factory had the only reliable time piece in the place, the other more or less reliable one being that of the parsonage, which marked the time for the ringing of the church bell to call the worshippers.

But in this day and age, when every household boasts of at least one clock, which may easily be kept at least approximately accurate by a weekly glance at the jeweler's regulator, there is no need for the car-splitting nuisance which not only calls the men to their work at a time when many of them are already in the factory, but also annoys every person within range.

As an advertisement, the whistle is a failure. Its blatant voice carries no message save that of egotism—a sort of "I'm here and I want everyone to know it"—and it neither rouses men to labor, nor calls them to the day's task, in a way which would not be better substituted by a less noisy summons.

People who live in less busy sections cannot imagine the annoyance caused by the whistles in a large factory center. Each shop seems determined to outdo the other in the quality and quantity of noise produced; each engineer seems bent upon demonstrating to the world that he has an original idea of how long and at what varying intervals he should toot his public disturbance.

But to the people who reside within a few blocks or doors of such an infraction of the peace, the factory whistle has ceased to be a thing of beauty and has evolved into a nuisance forever.

A steamboat whistle is necessary. It is required to give signals to meeting and passing craft, it signals to a port which it is nearing, and it warns intended passengers or shippers of its approaching departure. It is a cheerful sound, and it rarely becomes a nuisance for the reason that it comes at infrequent intervals, it is not blown next door to one's bedroom, and it signals "clear the way" for much business.

The Caller is right in believing the steamboat whistle a joyful sound, but the Post is not justified in bragging about the tri-daily nuisance of which by right ought to be ashamed.

A rumor that all was not right with the sudden death of Cardinal Rampolla and the alleged disappearance of his will caused the authorities to order the body exhumed for an investigation. The report was emphatically denied from the Vatican, but one of the newspapers of Rome repeated the statement that there was ground for the suspicions, and hence the action of the authorities.

The banks of the country are falling over themselves in an effort to be the first to apply for membership in the new fiscal system, and Houston has already been named as an applicant for one of the reserve centers. Looks as if Houston has enough money already without begging for more.

A former defalcator of Chicago, who got away with half a million dollars, and who was subsequently brought from Morocco and given a prison sentence, has begun the repayment of the money he took. That's the right kind of reform, and he isn't writing any articles for the Saturday Evening Post, at that.

San Francisco coast resorts are throwing up bulkheads against the unprecedented high tides, which have already done much damage. There is hardly a day passes that we are not given reason to rejoice in our place of residence in old Southwest Texas.

During his vacation President Wilson will not do any work. He will simply act as a volunteer fire fighter and in other mild and unexciting capacities, in order to conserve his strength.

Bob Henry was entertained while in Galveston with numerous oysters—oysters roasted, fried, in chowder and au naturel. The result is that Mr. Henry says that Galveston is destined to be the greatest gulf port. Why can't Laredo think up something like that?

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1895—Asa Packer, founder of Lehigh University, born in Groton, Conn. Died May 19, 1879.

1899—William E. Gladstone, famous English statesman. Died May 19, 1898.

1811—The American frigate Constitution captured the British Java off the coast of Brazil.

1868—Lord Lisgar was appointed Governor General of Canada.

1875—The first steel rail was rolled in a mill at Scranton, Pa.

1875—Eighty persons were killed in the Ashabula bridge disaster.

1877—The President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver wedding in the White House.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. (Adv.)

The Associated Charities.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Associated Charities was held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, at which plans for extended work were mapped out for the coming year. The following officers were elected: John Coleman, president; R. L. Woodul, vice-president; E. A. Thomas, secretary; H. B. Woods, general secretary; J. W. Thompson, treasurer. Several cases of extreme poverty were reported, and will be investigated by the officers and such aid given as seems necessary.

HELP WANTED IN LAREDO.

And Furnished by the Help of Laredo People.

Those who suffer with kidney backache, urinary ills or any little kidney or bladder disorder, want kidney help. Who can better advise than some Laredo resident, who has also suffered, but has had relief. Laredo people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's one case and there are many others. Mrs. H. A. Powell, 619 Vidaurri Ave., Laredo, Texas, says: "I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills highly for kidney trouble, especially children's cases. One of the younger ones of the family was bothered with weak kidneys and pains in the back. Doan's Kidney Pills made a cure that has proven permanent."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

(Adv.)

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Classy Cussing.

In Monroe, La., the other day, one man was fined \$3.50 for being drunk and down, while another was assessed \$30 for using profane language. Just out of curiosity, we should like to have the stenographer's notes as to the offensive verbiage. It must have been something extra classy in the cussing line to draw so heavy a penalty.—Port Arthur News.

Condition Precedent.

To Joe Roehmer: We shall resign the editorial management of the Herald, as per your request, just as soon as we have a leg shot off in a moving picture Indian fight. En el interior, toma otra botella de jugo de uva.—Val Verde County Herald.

Must be Laredo Onions.

That bald-headed editor of the San Antonio Express is hereby informed that Bermuda onions, sliced, and rubbed vigorously on the head every night for a month will cause new hair to sprout.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

Eve Had Cause.

Since Adam's apple, the fruit has been a market feature, causing all kinds of trouble, at times, but furnishing a wonderful gastronomic pleasure, the world over. We have never found fault with Eve for swiping that big, red apple—we suppose it was both large and red. We are awfully glad the apple is not such an exclusive fruit now as it was in the Garden of Eden.—Corpus Christi Caller.

What to Do With Them.

A Mexican desperado who barricaded himself in the Apex mine at Bingham, Utah, killed four citizens and two officers who attempted his arrest, since when the authorities have attempted his destruction by filling the mine with smoke and poisonous gases. Two romantic women, it is reported, have appeared on the scene and asked the privilege of going into the mine to persuade the outlaw to surrender. It is to be hoped that the officers will grant their request and afford every facility to these sympathetic and misguided women for the business in hand. There is no better place to send them if the Mexican can see his way clear to do his whole duty to society immediately upon meeting them.—Houston Post.

Not Synonymous Terms.

Morris Sheppard says that prohibition will soon be a reality. The only trouble is in getting people to agree on what prohibition really is. Here in Oklahoma we have one kind, and other in Kansas, and there are still other kinds. What Senator Sheppard probably intended to say was that temperance will have sway.—Hugo Hunsman.

Temperance will never have sway so long as it is made subordinate to and dependent upon prohibition. Temperance and prohibition are not synonymous terms and cannot be made so by law. Senator Sheppard knows this, but for political expediency he will refuse to admit it.—Denison Herald.

Eurythmic Prancing.

"Eurythmics" is a new European cure for nerves—especially nerves of women. It ought to become highly popular, as it appears to consist of clothing the patient in a somewhat abbreviated shirt and having her prance around on the lawn to the music of a graphophone.—Port Arthur News.

Passing of An Old Friend.

For twenty and more years the old hackberry tree in front of the Maverick hotel stood foot rot, hot air, and the wisdom of the loungers. For upward of twenty years it stood up under the oratory and eloquence of the patriots of this country. It was the hitching post for horse, mule, burro, and belated, unsteady lodger. Unprotected, night and day in all sorts of weather it withstood the storms of the elements and the storming of humanity. Nothing phased it. With the advance of civilization the old order must make room for the new. Our friend is gone. How many of us have hugged it in early morning! How kindly it steadied us and sent us on again with a firmer step and firmer resolve! This is all now a memory. The axe finished it. Peace to its ashes!—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

By Air Line.

The recent floods in Texas were something awful, but bad as they were they cannot affect the annual visit of Santa Claus, who it is said now travels by aeroplane, and is therefore independent of other modes of transportation. This is good news for the children.—Cherokee Co. Banner.

DEATH OF MRS. MCKENDRICK

Well Known and Popular Citizen of Laredo Passed to Her Eternal Reward Last Night.

A gloom was cast over the community last night when the sad intelligence became known that Mrs. William H. McKendrick had passed to the great beyond following a short illness, during which time she had been at the Mercy hospital. A number of the friends of the decedent were aware of her illness, but few realized it was of such a serious nature as to cause her untimely death.

Several days ago Mrs. McKendrick was taken critically ill, following the birth of a baby boy at the hospital. Dreaded pneumonia and a complication of other maladies had set in and everything that medical skill and human hands could do to administer to her to alleviate her suffering was done, but to no avail, and last evening at 8:30 o'clock she peacefully passed into eternal slumber while the devoted parents, beloved husband and loving ones were at her bedside. The Messenger of Death, in his stealthy visitation, removed a good woman from the earthly pale and took her soul to a realm where, some day, she will throw open the portals of the home above and welcome her loved ones to her abiding place, there to enjoy life everlasting, and where, no more, the last sad farewell will be spoken and the bonds of unity will never again be severed. Words of consolation but feebly tend to assuage the poignant grief that gnaws at the hearts of the grief-stricken husband, parents, sisters, brothers and children, but let them find consolation in the fact that their loved one now sleeps the sleep that knows no awakening and has gone before to a world that is devoid of suffering—has preceded them to the realm where some day a grand reunion will again unite them forever. To them go the sincere sympathies of their many friends.

Deceased, before her marriage, was Miss Eugenia Christen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Christen, of this city. She was born in Laredo on January 2, 1887, and had she been spared, would have celebrated her 27th birthday anniversary next Friday. She was married in this city on May 4, 1907, to William H. McKendrick. Besides her grief-stricken husband and infant son, she is survived by a little daughter, Evelyn, aged three years; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Christen; four sisters, Mrs. J. E. Harrison, Mrs. Joe Moore and Miss Sofia Christen of this city, and Miss Clara Christen of Toledo, O.; and two brothers, Joseph C. Christen, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and James E. Christen of Toledo, O.

The funeral will take place from the Eugene Christen home tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Catholic church, after which interment will take place in the A. O. U. W. plot in the city cemetery.

Automobile Owners Notice.

Automobile repairing and rebuilding by first class mechanic. Fifteen years factory and road experience. Magneto and carburetor a specialty. Rate 60 cts. per hour. Give me a trial; all work guaranteed. Arthur Viessers, 2217 Houston street, phone 479. (Clarence Jefferies former residence.)

(Adv.)

MASS MEETING TOMORROW

Whether or Not Laredo Will Hold Annual Washington Birthday Celebration to Be Settled.

A mass meeting of the business men and citizens generally of Laredo has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Red Men's hall to take up and discuss the advisability of holding the annual big celebration in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of the "father of his country" on February 22.

At this meeting a number of talks will be made by those interested in pulling off the celebration and in all probability a committee will be selected to arrange the preliminaries and appoint sub-committees to get to work planning for the big event.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

LITTLE LOCALS

—Some startling rumors are afloat again regarding impending battles not far from Laredo on the Mexican side of the creek. One rumor says that Nuevo Laredo is the objective point of an attack by rebels very soon.

—Best place in town to eat is the Club Cafe. Best drip coffee, Oysters in any style. Open all night. F. C. Masterson, Proprietor. 12-29-1m (Adv.)

—Beginning Monday, December 29, the Bon Ton will have all pattern hats at half price; street hats, 2-3 off; fancy feathers, 2-3 off; French plumes, 1-4 off. Special sale of ribbon and neckwear at cost. 12-27-6t (Adv.)

—Parties galore are being held in Laredo now. As the reporter has to "cover" these matters in addition to his "big" news, those having such functions would do well to use the phone to avoid being overlooked in the rush. Give us the dope and we'll furnish the embellishments.

—Our shipment of Christmas books, which have been delayed by the floods, have arrived. The latest copyrights and popular fiction. Sonora News Company, Hamilton Hotel. 12-22-6t. (Adv.)

—Hear the new five-piece orchestra at Dreamland. It is the best in the city. See the fine selection of high-class photo plays, in comedies and dramas. Admission 5c and 10c. (Adv.)

—You'll find out! Great novelty at the Dixie Theater. Wait for programs. 12-26-3t. (Adv.)

—Port Lavaca fresh oysters in cans and in bulk, twice a week. Call up John Bruni, Phone 191. 12-16-1t. (Adv.)

—The Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus," will be repeated at Market Hall, Monday night, December 29. Admission ten cents. The cantata is given by the children of the Mexican Methodist Sunday school, and should be heard by all.

—H. L. Myers, transfer, Guarantees against breakage. Phone 276. 12-18-1t. (Adv.)

—Boiler repairing work guaranteed. E. L. Schopper, 2204 Coke St. 12-11-1m. (Adv.)

—Perhaps after the beginning of the new year the L. & G. N. will have its trains arriving here at 2:40. The schedule time for arriving is 2 p. m., but nearly every day the train is reported "40 minutes late."

—J. A. Applewhite sells Texas motor oils and gasoline. 12-6-1t. (Adv.)

—Dr. Fred Foster, veterinary surgeon, Fort McIntosh, Texas. Phone 2004. 12-5-1m. (Adv.)

—Whether or not Laredo will hold her annual big Washington birthday celebration will be determined in a short time now, as some action to that end will be taken within a few days.

—Come to Dreamland and hear some real good music and see a selection of the highest class of photo plays. Admission only 5c and 10c. (Adv.)

—Tom and Jerry at the Ross Saloon. Send for some. 12-26-6t. (Adv.)

—Best rubber applied on vehicles. Jno. A. Applewhite. 3-15-1t. (Adv.)

—The many friends of Miss Helen Derby regret to learn that she is quite ill at her home in this city, but hope that she will soon be on the road to complete recovery.

—Felix de la Rosa, practical boiler-maker. Guarantees his work. 1804 Coke Street. Phone 769. 12-3-1t. (Adv.)

—John A. Applewhite, agent for Buick Autos. Phone 16. 5-4-1t. (Adv.)

—The picture shows of the city had immense crowds last evening—unable to accommodate hundreds at the first show. At some of the shows there were full houses for three shows.

—Full line Queen Quality shoes and hose at Saft's. 3-3-1t. (Adv.)

—Just arrived, new stock auto tires and tubes. Ten per cent cut in prices. Jno. A. Applewhite. Phone 16. 10-28-1t. (Adv.)

—District court will get down to business again next Monday after the holiday recess. Civil cases will be called next week.

—Phone Bautista Garage for cars to hire. Phone 13. Automobile repairing. 7-25-1t. (Adv.)

—The public schools of the city will resume their sessions one week from today.

DANGEROUS CALOMEL GOING OUT OF USE

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has
Taken Its Place in the Drug
Store and in the Home.

A few years ago, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and for constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone.

The City Drug Co. tell us that their drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable liver tonic that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50 cts. a bottle and is guaranteed to be entirely satisfactory by The City Drug Co. who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after-effects.

(Adv.)

WAS HERE IN THE EARLY DAYS

Man Released From Jail in Nuevo Laredo Saturday Passed Through Here in Hurry in 1871.

E. J. Rouby, who was arrested in Lampazos several days ago by Mexican federal soldiers on suspicion and later brought to Nuevo Laredo, where he was held in custody by the military authorities, was released on Saturday as a result of the intercession of United States Consul Garrett in his behalf, Rouby being an American citizen.

He is a native of Texas, and up to 1874 resided in Corpus Christi, later removing to San Diego and thence to Tampico, Mexico. Some years ago he removed with his family to Aure, near Monterey. About two weeks ago he was en route from Monterey, where he had gone to purchase provisions, to his home at Aure, when he was stopped by federal soldiers, his wagonload of provisions and something over \$400 in cash seized and he was taken prisoner. Later he was sent to Nuevo Laredo. There was no cause for his arrest, other than he had been detained on suspicion. Saturday his release was secured by Consul Garrett.

Rouby was an old-timer of this section and says that in 1871 he crossed the Rio Grande here "at some speed." He was working with some comrades near the Chas. Calahan ranch when a band of Indians were discovered coming toward the place. Did the cowboys wait for the Indians? We should worry they didn't—they evaporated. Reaching Laredo they crossed the river in a jiffy. The Indians, however, gave up the chase some distance up the road. At that time, Rouby says, Laredo's principal settlement was in the vicinity of the Convent and what is now Martin plaza, while on the Mexican side were only about three or four houses near the river front. Mr. Rouby will return to his home in Aure to join his family at the first opportunity presented him to reach home.

JUDGE TIMON WAS A VISITOR

County Judge of Nueces County, Congressional Aspirant, Spent Sunday in Laredo.

Hon. Walter F. Timon of Corpus Christi, county judge of Nueces county, and who will in all probability oppose Congressman John N. Garner for the nomination on the Democratic ticket in the primaries next July, arrived in Laredo from Corpus Christi Saturday afternoon accompanied by Mr. C. C. Wright, a prominent stockman of Nueces county. Here they joined Collector of Customs Frank Rabb, who had arrived here on Friday afternoon.

While Judge Timon has not formally announced that he will be a candidate for the congressional nomination, nevertheless it is a settled fact that he will shy his castor or throw his hat into the ring at the proper time. While here he was called upon by a number of prominent Democrats of this city and stated that he was here merely to "get acquainted" and take a look into conditions along the Rio Bravo.

Messrs. Timon and Wright left this morning on their return to Corpus Christi, but Collector Rabb will be here for several days on business with customs headquarters in this city.

Pure Beer is all healthfulness

The malt is a nourishing predigested food—the hops are appetizing, tonical and have a nerve sedative effect—the trifle of alcohol, 4 1-2% aids digestion.

Get Schlitz in Brown Bottles

Then you will get beer that is made pure and kept pure from the brewery to your glass. We go to extremes in cleanliness. Even the air in which Schlitz is cooled is filtered.

See that crown or cork
is branded "Schlitz."

Phone 311
John Gilligan
Hamilton Hotel Bar
Laredo, Texas.

Schlitz

The Beer
That Made Milwaukee Famous.

Funeral of Mrs. Arthur.

The remains of Mrs. A. T. Arthur, who died in Albuquerque last week, arrived in Laredo Saturday afternoon on a belated train accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. D. Sisk and Mr. Henry Deutz. From the depot the body was taken directly to the Presbyterian church, where a number of friends looked for the last time on the face of the departed, who was at one time one of Laredo's most prominent and estimable citizens. The funeral services were most impressive, the obsequies being conducted by Rev. G. W. Plack, while some of the best vocalists in Laredo participated in the inspiring musical selections, including a beautiful solo, "Heaven is My Home," by Mrs. C. B. Gatewood, formerly Miss Lotie Pierce. The eulogy by Rev. Plack was a most touching one and he paid a well merited tribute to the deceased. From the church the sad procession moved to the city cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest in the Arthur plot in the Masonic burial grounds by the side of those of her late husband. The following acted as pall bearers: Active—J. W. Mussett, T. A. Austin, A. C. Richter, A. E. Younkin, Dr. Lowry, Thos. Reed, Alex. MacDonald, J. H. Winch, Honorary—J. J. Haynes, Geo. Woodman, F. M. Ramsay, W. H. Mims, John Colman and Adolph Deutz.

Entertained Bridge Club.

On Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. J. Christen, on Farragut street, Mrs. W. J. Hale was hostess to the members of the Auction Bridge Club, and an interesting game was enjoyed. The decorations were in holiday effect and appropriate to the season. The prize awards resulted in the club prize, a piece of lingerie, being won by Mrs. L. J. Christen, while the guest prize, a hand-embroidered towel, fell to the lot of Mrs. L. Daiches.

Funeral Services Held Sunday.

The funeral services over the remains of the late J. E. Satterwhite, who passed away in this city on Christmas afternoon, were held in the Masonic hall yesterday afternoon beginning at 5:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Knights Templars, assisted by the Blue lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. The ritualistic funeral service of the Knights Templar is a most solemn and impressive ceremony, and this was interspersed by some beautiful singing by a choir composed of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. To the soft melodies of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," sang by the choir, with Miss Annie Thadson presiding at the piano, the Knight Templars, in full regalia, marched into the hall and encircled the casket. Following them came the members of the Blue lodge, who formed in single line on the south side of the hall. Then followed the ritualistic funeral rites, with Rev. C. W. Cook as prelate. At the conclusion of the service the remains were taken to the Convent undertaking parlors and later to the station, leaving here last night for Bedford City, Va., accompanied by Mr. John L. Satterwhite, son of the deceased, who arrived here the day following his father's death. The following Masons acted as active pall-bearers in escorting the remains to the station: W. L. Arkels, William Barton, S. S. Wright, Robt. McCulloch, Henry Borchers and Andrew Ritter.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Major Hagadorn Reprimanded.

The military trial of Major Hagadorn of the Twenty-third Infantry, who was accused of disobedience of orders in having left his post as military attaché in St. Petersburg, Russia, resulted in a verdict of guilty and the punishment of a reprimand. Gen. Barry, in reviewing the findings of the military court, said:

"The fact that Major Hagadorn had been brought to trial and the incident publicity of the offense with which he is charged is deemed a sufficient reprimand."

Major Hagadorn was suffering from failing health, and had been granted permission to return to this country, but before leaving St. Petersburg he received orders to remain and make his application for leave through the embassy, provided he had not already left. He considered that as he had already taken his departure from the embassy and his baggage was aboard the train, he had to all intents and purposes "left," so he continued his journey.

It is understood that he will be ordered to rejoin his regiment at Texas City.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all Druggists or by mail. 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

(Adv.)

LANE WOULD STOP A RADIUM CORNER

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WANTS
ALL RADIUM BEARING LANDS
WITHDRAWN TO PREVENT
POSSIBLE MONOPOLY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lane today urged the house mines committee to submit a joint resolution empowering the president to withdraw all public lands containing radium. Mr. Lane said that speculators might get control if this were not done.

He asserted that one person in every ten over fifty years old in the United States now has cancer; that the radium supply in the United States today totals only two grams, valued at \$120,000 a gram, both obtained from Europe at whatever price practically the radium monopoly there wishes to charge, notwithstanding that three-fourths of the world's entire radium supply in 1912 came from American ores.

Mr. Lane said that the process of extracting radium is a secret, but that the chemists of the United States Bureau of Mines have discovered a process of their own, and if it proves successful it will be given freely to the world. The United States government, he said, will retail most of the radium produced in this country, putting it into the hands of public health officials for public use.

Radium Cure of Cancer.

New York, Dec. 29.—Dr. Abraham Jacoby, ex-president of the American Medical Society, announces that three applications of radium, the longest lasting only seven minutes, cured a two-year old cancer on his nose.

CHINESE SOLDIERS BROKE INTO REVOLT

CLAIMED INDEPENDENCE, BUT
WERE ROUTED BY LOYAL
TROOPS AND THEIR
LEADER KILLED.

By Associated Press.

Peking, China, Dec. 29.—Three Chinese regiments revolted recently in the Yunnan province, near the Burmese frontier, claiming independence. Loyal troops later routed the mutineers, burning their leader to death. Many were killed. Foreigners were unmolested.

KILLED WIFE AND CHILD.

Stranded Actor Committed Double
Murder and Ran Into Street
in Underwear.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Robert M. Willard, an actor-magician stranded here, shot and killed his wife and child at a fashionable hotel this morning and then ran through the streets in his underwear until arrested. The murdered woman came from Cushing, Okla. Her maiden name was Ophello Harriman.

TELEGRAPHERS TO STRIKE.

Employees of Frisco Road Threaten
Strike, But Places to be Filled
by Telephone.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Frisco railroad telegraphers expected to strike this afternoon. Meanwhile, the railroad officials claim that telephone service is successfully substituted for the operators.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic to the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

Notice to Hunters.

You are hereby notified that we have leased all of the Espelo pasture east of the Zapata road and positively forbid anyone from hunting therein. No person has authority to issue you a permit. Persons caught hunting in this pasture will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

CRAIG & THOMPSON.

11-7 tf. (Adv.)

WITNESSES DENIED STORIES OF PANIC

INQUEST DEVELOPED FALSITY
OF CHARGE THAT MAN WHO
CRIED FIRE WORE INSIGNIA
OF THE ALLIANCE.

By Associated Press.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 29.—The witnesses in the inquest held over the deaths of the women and children in the panic here Christmas Eve today denied that a man wearing the insignia of the Citizens Alliance had rushed up the stairs shouting fire. Mrs. Anna Clemens, from whom this story was supposed to have originated, emphatically denied it. The witnesses denied that deputies beat back persons trying to escape from the panic.

GREAT TEXAN DEAD IN PRIME OF LIFE

COLONEL HENRY EXALL, PRESIDENT OF TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS, DIED AT HIS HOME IN DALLAS.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 29.—Colonel Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, died here last night.

Colonel Exall was president of the National Corn Exposition. He expected to distribute \$10,000 in prizes donated by the Texas Industrial Congress to the farmer contestants during that exposition in Dallas in February.

PROSECUTE WOMEN FOR TAKING ADVICE

SUFFRAGIST LEADER ADVICES
WOMEN TO REFUSE TO MAKE
RETURNS OF PROPERTY
FOR TAXES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Treasury officials announce that they will prosecute all women who follow the advice of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the suffragist leader, to refuse to render account of their property under the income tax law.

KAPPA ALPHAS IN SESSION.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The annual convention of the Southern branch of the Kappa Alpha Society began in this city today and will continue until Wednesday. Many members who have attained prominence in public life, in the professions and in business are in attendance. The society is one of the best known of the Greek letter fraternities. It was founded at Washington and Lee University in 1865 and now has active chapters in more than fifty of the leading Southern institutions of learning.

SCIENTISTS MEET IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29.—Hundreds of scientific men from the greatest institutions of learning on the continent, members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and its numerous affiliated scientific organizations, gathered in Atlanta today for the association's sixty-fifth meeting, which will continue through the week.

The various branches of the association will discuss such subjects as astronomy, botany, entomology, philosophy, psychology and education at daily joint meetings with the affiliated societies interested in those branches of science.

Most of the subjects to be considered by the Association for the Advancement of Science are technical. Some of the addresses, however, will receive general attention. In the latter class will be addresses on "The Development of Our Foreign Trade," "The Health of the Mother in the South," and "Science, Education and Democracy."

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

WILSON MUST TAKE REST, SAYS DOCTOR

SLOWLY IMPROVING IN HEALTH,
BUT MUST DROP ALL MATTERS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

By Associated Press.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 29.—President Wilson's physician, Dr. Grayson, said today that Mr. Wilson was improving in health, but needs more rest. Therefore the president will hereafter refuse to see any more mail than absolutely necessary.

Many persons attempted to take advantage of the large corps of secretaries here and sent letters to the president, hoping that he would be forced to read them. These letters included applications for positions on the new federal reserve board. Even these letters will not be read until the president returns to Washington.

NEWSPAPERMAN DEAD.

Editor of Paris Advocate, Well Known Throughout the State, Died Last Night.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 29.—W. N. Furey, a well-known newspaperman, editor of the Paris Advocate, died here last night aged 60 years.

UPHOLDS GAME LAWS.

Burleson Will Not Permit in Mails Body of Any Game Killed in Violation of Laws.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Postmaster General Burleson has barred from the mails any parcel containing the body of any bird or animal killed in violation of the laws of any state or territory.

KILLED CONSTABLE AND FLED TO HILLS

BARRICADED IN A DESERTED
CABIN, SLAYER BADE DEFIANCE
TO POSSE OF TWO HUNDRED MEN.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Henry Rokowski, who last night killed a constable and probably fatally wounded two other persons today is barricaded in a deserted cabin in the hills and defies 200 besiegers. He is well armed.

SUSPEND RATE INCREASES.

Federal Commission Held Up Increases on Grain Freight Until May First.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The interstate commerce commission has suspended until May 1, pending investigation, the proposed grain freight rate increases from Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado to Louisiana.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 29.—"Military History" heads the list of more than fifty topics that are to receive attention at the annual convention of the American Historical Association, which convened in this city today for a two days' session. Urof. R. M. Johnson of Harvard will present a report from the committee on "Military History" and Major Gen. Leonard Wood is scheduled to lead in the discussion. Also of interest to the military historians will be an address by Assistant Secretary of War Henry Breckenridge on "The Archives of the War Department."

Notice to Celebrators.

Persons who get out celebrating during the holidays are hereby warned that the ordinance prohibiting the firing of cannon crackers will be strictly enforced and anyone caught violating this ordinance will be arrested and severely punished.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.

(Adv.)

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

(Adv.)

From Tuesday's Daily.

LAREDO'S CELEBRATION.

For several years past Laredo's one great fate has been Washington's Birthday. The celebration has made the city as famous throughout Texas as her onions have made her famous throughout a great part of the United States.

As far away as Monterey, the Mexican people have known of the celebration of the birthday of the man who to them is the apotheosis of liberty, the man who was the inspiration to Padre Hidalgo in his revolution against the Spanish domination.

The festival has not only been a worthy celebration of the birthday of our first president, it has also been a period of rejoicing, a series of amusements only comparable to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and other Southern cities.

The celebration has added to our fame wherever the name of Laredo has ever been heard. It has advertised our city as nothing else could have done, and it has annually brought hundreds of visitors who returned to their homes delighted with the hospitality shown them.

With the exception of last year's celebration, the event has always drawn to our trade center a great number of Mexicans from the interior of the republic, but last year the day came too soon after the "decena tragica" in Mexico City, and there were fewer Mexicans present than ever before.

Owing to the disturbances in our neighboring republic, there has been some question as to whether it was advisable to have a celebration this year, some holding that a few people from the interior of Mexico would be able to get here, and several believed that the success of the celebration depended to a certain degree upon the influx of visitors from that country.

But others held that we were celebrating the birthday of the greatest American, and that the success of the festival did not depend upon whether the Mexican people could be here or not. They said that we are not celebrating the birthday of Hidalgo, of Juarez or any other Mexican patriot, and that while we would be glad to have our Mexican friends with us, we should do the best we could to get along without them in case they find it impossible to get here.

And they are right. The celebration is an American affair, from start to finish. It celebrates the birth of a man who, whatever he may have been to other nations, was first, last and all the time an AMERICAN.

The day is an American holiday. All over the Union there are celebrations of more or less pretentiousness, but nowhere is the day celebrated on the scale that it is in Laredo. It is our one festival, overshadowing in importance the Fourth of July or any other day which is not essentially a religious feast, such as Christmas and Easter.

The citizens of Laredo will meet this afternoon to decide whether or not they will have a celebration. We know beforehand what their decision will be; not because anyone has told us, but because we are depending upon the virile Americanism of the citizens of Laredo. WE WILL HAVE A CELEBRATION THIS COMING WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The opportunity for advertising the city was never greater. The troubles in Mexico have drawn a great many visitors to our city, who are more than ever interested in the border towns, and the celebration would bring many who have never before come here at that time. We may depend upon enough Americans to make up for the Mexicans who will be unable to get here.

SAVING OUR RADIUM.

Some days ago it was pointed out that certain prominent physicians had certified the usefulness of radium in the cure of cancer, and it was stated that our country was rich in radium-producing ores. But in the few years that have seen such a wonderful development in the production of radium from pitchblende and other minerals, Germany has monopolized almost entirely the manufacture of the costly salts, buying our ores in great quantities and charging an enormous price for the radium salts.

With a view to breaking up this foreign monopoly of an article which we own, Secretary of the Interior Lane wants congress to adopt a joint resolution empowering the president to withdraw from public settlement or purchase all lands producing the precious ores, in order that the public at large may benefit.

Mr. Lane says that by so doing we will prevent the lards from falling into the hands of speculators, as they are now in danger of doing, and enable our government to manufacture the radium for public use, instead of selling, as we did last year, three-fourths of all the radium ores which Europe used in manufacturing the salts.

The process of extracting the radium salts, Mr. Lane says, is a secret one, but some of our government chemists have discovered a process of their own, and if it proves successful it will be given freely to the world, while the government will engage in the manufacture of the costly remedy for use by public health officials in the treatment of the public.

One startling statement made by Mr. Lane is that one in every ten persons over fifty years of age in this country is afflicted with cancer. If radium should prove to be the certain cure which some scientists now believe it will be, and we have so many cancer sufferers, it would certainly appear to be time that our government were taking some steps toward securing possession of all the ores possible which contain radium, in order that the public may be exploited by the speculators who see a get-rich-quick scheme in the cornering of the precious mineral.

There are many useful inventions and discoveries which are credited to chemists in the government employ. In almost every case the inventor or discoverer has turned over the find to the government without pay, and the people have benefitted thereby.

That the discoverers of the process for extracting radium should give their discovery to the government, to be made known to the world, is not surprising, therefore. But it is a great act, and one which should be recognized by all as meritorious.

Thousands of people have died of cancer, hopeless of any relief from the dread disease, and many thousands, according to Mr. Lane's statement, are still suffering from the disease. Anything which would seem to promise a hope of cure, however remote, should be tried, and if the government can secure a beneficent monopoly in the remedy, it should spare no pains to do so.

Meanwhile, many physicians and surgeons throughout the world will watch with interest the present experiments, as their success will mean not only a triumph for the medical profession, but a blessed relief to many who are now suffering tortures, with the certainty of death at the end.

Frisco telegraphers threaten a strike, and officials of the road claim that the operators can be successfully substituted by telephone service. Which is another proof that modern methods are advancing. If the telephone can do it, why bother with the telegraph?

The story that a man wearing the insignia of the Citizens Alliance was the one who caused the panic where so many women and children were crushed to death by the tramping mob is denied by witnesses. Which would indicate that the strikers have learned a little in tactics from the Mexican fighters.

The attack on Nuevo Laredo may never materialize, but it reminds one of the tale of the boy who cried "Wolf!" once too often. With a good bridge and several thousand square miles of safe soil in reach, any citizen of our neighbor town who gets hurt has only himself to blame.

President Wilson is reported as improving in health after a rest at Pass Christian. But think what his condition would have been had he decided to come to the life-saving climate of Southwest Texas.

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(Adv.)

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

Mass Meeting of Citizens to Launch Plans For Annual Big Celebration in February.

At the hall of the local Red Men this afternoon at 4 o'clock an important meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing and taking some action on pulling off the annual big celebration of Washington's Birthday for which Laredo has gained international fame.

Some have expressed themselves as averse to the celebration the coming year because of conditions in Mexico, but as a big celebration was pulled off last February, and Nuevo Laredo was eliminated from the program, there is no reason why the same can not be done next February. If the sham battle must be a feature of the program, there are lots of available places other than the river island for staging the maneuvers. So the meeting this afternoon will be for the celebration and the initiative will be taken for pulling off the big event.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Embarrassment of Riches.

While on your visit to the old home during the holidays tell the folks that when last seen, we were in a quandary as to which of a large assortment of Valley-winter-grown vegetables to select for our holiday feast.—San Benito Light.

Silos May Come Next.

People down at Gregory wondered where a bunch of Mexicans there got inspiration for their protracted jags. Investigation found the jag juice running from a spigot at the bottom of a silo. Now, we suppose the next legislature will pass a law forbidding the construction of silos.—New Elm Enterprise.

Herbes One and All.

The Texas floods developed many true heroes, but none truer than the brave engineers, who drove their engines over submerged tracks, when every moment might have proved their last.—State Topics.

The Meanest Man.

The meanest man has come forward for general recognition: He is a club man in New York, who, when arrested for speeding in his automobile, tried to get the motorcop to turn him loose by telling him that the reason his car ran away was that the girl beside him was kissing him and got him confused.—El Paso Herald.

A Good Deed.

San Antonio's master bakers, on Tuesday, sent four barrels of bread to the people of Columbus. The donation was distributed to good advantage among the needy colored people of the town and vicinity.—Colorado Citizen.

They Don't Belong?

Beginning next Saturday the Roman Catholics of Waco will pray forty hours. Waco needs not only the prayers of the Catholics, but those of all other denominations. Then James Hays Quarles and Mike Harris might throw in a few supplications.—West News.

A Different Brand.

An exchange says that the private car of a railroad official engaged in the work of saving property from the recent flood was captured by a number of snakes intent upon making it their permanent home. Some flood sufferers must have put it over the magnate by substituting the mail order brand for the private stock on hand.—Houston Post.

Looking For Trouble.

Now that the soldiers are to remain at Texas City indefinitely, the army boys are preparing to publish a weekly paper for the post. If they can't go to war, they're bound to have trouble of some kind.—Port Arthur News.

It is to be hoped that the soldiers will succeed in launching the publication, as there is talent in the camp at Texas City which can make it a most valuable addition to the press of the state. It is not believed that they will experience any trouble in conducting the journal, but if they should do so, no enterprise of its kind would be better equipped to handle the situation, and no man but one of courage and questionable judgment would think of paying a hostile call on such a paper in search of personal satisfaction for real or imaginary grievances.—Houston Post.

Sand-Clay Road.

"How are those macadam roads you voted such a big bond issue to build a few years ago? We asked a friend in our office this morning. "Washing all to pieces," was his reply. In the county referred to, it is but just to say the commissioners foolishly spent nearly all their money building the roads and left practically nothing for maintenance. But it is certainly true that the money spent for macadam has not produced results to make farmers enthusiastic over voting taxes or bonds for stone highways. Once again we repeat, "Use sand-clay for construction, the road drag for maintenance." This is the prescription needed for probably nine communities out of ten.—The Progressive Farmer.

Calderon?

The paragrappers appear a bit slow in realizing the possibilities which would seem to exist in the name of Calderon, the Mexican statesman, who is said to be slated to succeed Huerta as president.—Comfort News.

Say not so! Just waiting for him to boil over, that's all. Most everybody over in Mexico seems to do it—sooner or later.—Galveston News.

An Even Trade.

Just for an innovation, we would like to swap a little of our soothing sunshine to Denver for enough snow for an old time snowball bee.—Corpus Christi Caller.

ARE SENDING REINFORCEMENTS

General Quintana and Federal Army of 1200 Men Expected in Nuevo Laredo at Once.

According to advices received in Nuevo Laredo today reinforcements are being rushed to that city to augment the federal garrison stationed there and which is in imminent danger just now from an attack by General Pablo Gonzalez and his rebel army, which is encamped not many miles distant down the river from Nuevo Laredo.

Federal General Quintana, at the head of 1,200 men, representing infantry, cavalry and artillery, are now approaching Nuevo Laredo. The infantry is expected to reach there and go into quarters this afternoon, while the cavalry and artillery will arrive either tonight or early tomorrow morning. This big force is coming from Lampazos and Monterey and is being dispatched to Nuevo Laredo to help make that city impregnable to an attack by the rebels. While the federals in Nuevo Laredo pretend to wear an air of indifference regarding the reports emanating from various seemingly reliable sources regarding the near approach of the rebels, nevertheless they are hazarding no chances and asked for reinforcements.

Violators Will be Punished.

Anyone arrested for violating the law pertaining to the discharge of firearms within the limits of the city during the holiday season will be convicted and given the full penalty of the law regarding same. This is to give ample notice that the law will be enforced to the letter and violators must abide by the consequences.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal.

(Adv.)

Aged Resident Dead.

Julian Tijerina, aged 80 years, died this morning at 1:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Fernando Tijerina, 1915 San Dario avenue, of old age. He leaves three sons and several grandchildren. Deceased was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and came to this country many years ago. The funeral will take place from the home to the Mexican Methodist church, of which deceased was a member, and interment will be had in the city cemetery. Services will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

"Give Me a Kiss" the Latest.

The Times reporter has received a copy of the latest song hit, "Give Me a Kiss," the words of which were written by his old-time Corpus Christi chum and fellow printer, Milton W. Tinney, at present manipulating the keyboard on a linotype in the Corpus Christi Democrat office. Accompanying the copy of the song was a request, "to try it on your piano." Wonder if he thinks we are playing for a moving picture show or taking in washing—two kinds of pianos. However, it was given a trial by somebody else on somebody else's piano last evening and it sounded fine.

Equipped With Handsome Uniforms.

The Royal Theatre Orchestra, consisting of five members, last evening appeared in their handsome new uniforms and celebrated the occasion by giving a special concert for the benefit of the large crowd at that popular playhouse. During the intermission when the concert numbers were given the orchestra appeared on the stage and favored the audience with some high-class selections, including some of the old masterpieces. This orchestra is as fine as is to be found anywhere in the state and the class of music rendered by them has contributed to popularizing them with the many patrons of the Royal.

Notice to Hunters.

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CRAIG & THOMPSON, 11-7 ft. (Adv.)

NEW DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL

Marshal Herring Expected to Name His Deputy Tomorrow to Succeed Mr. Barthelow.

Several days ago Deputy United States Marshal A. J. Barthelow of this city forwarded his resignation to his chief, Marshal Herring, same to be effective January 1, at which time Mr. Barthelow will retire to private life after a long and faithful service in the capacity of deputy United States marshal.

It is probable that Marshal Herring has already decided on who he will select as his deputy here and news to that effect is expected here today or tomorrow. Among the aspirants for the position, according to what The Times reporter can learn, are Earnest Sharkey, C. H. Stowers and one or two others, but who will get the plum remains to be learned. Deputy Marshal Barthelow had been reappointed by Marshal Herring to serve temporarily, but he resigned of his own volition, same to become effective with the beginning of the new year.

Automobile Owners Notice.

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(Adv.)

Funeral of Mrs. McKendrick.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. McKendrick, who died at the Mercy Hospital on Sunday night, took place from the Christen home to St. Peter's church and thence to the city cemetery this morning at 9 o'clock. A large number of friends of the family attended the services both at the church and the grave. Solemn requiem mass was said at the church by Rev. Father Leguayader. The casket at the home occupied a place in a veritable mound of beautiful floral designs, attesting the high esteem in which the departed was held and the sorrow occasioned at her being called away. From the church the procession moved to the city cemetery, where interment was had in the A. O. U. W. plot and where prayers for the departed were offered by Rev. Leguayader. After the remains had been consigned to the arms of Mother Earth and the grave filled in a mound of flowers was left to designate the last resting place of Mrs. McKendrick. The active pall-bearers were: Mayor Robert McComb, City Secretary A. V. Woodman, Adolph Deutz, J. S. Westbrook, Thomas Reed and S. N. Johnson.

Notice to the Public.

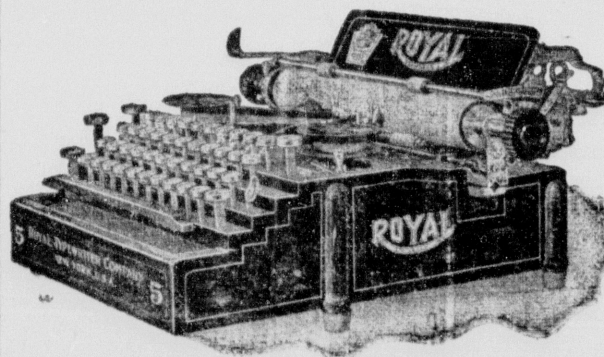
The public will please take notice that all land and pastures owned by the undersigned company is posted in accordance with law and any person caught hunting or otherwise trespassing therein will be prosecuted.

CANNEL COAL CO., By D. D. Davis, vice pres. 10-1-41 (Adv.)

Death of Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Mrs. R. P. Woodard of this city has the sincere sympathies of his many friends in the sad bereavement which has befallen him in being bereft of his dear mother, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, aged 75 years, who passed away at the home of her brother in Alvarado, Texas, on Sunday morning at 6:10 o'clock. On Friday last Mr. Woodard received a message summoning him to the bedside of his mother, who was then on the threshold of death, and he hurriedly responded to the call, leaving here that evening and reaching his mother's bedside on Saturday in ample time to bid her the last sad farewell. Deceased leaves several other children besides Mr. R. P. Woodard to mourn her loss, and to all go the sympathies of their friends. Mrs. Woodard visited Laredo several times as the guest of her son and made a number of warm friends who deeply deplore her demise.

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DRS. O. J. and A. T. COOK, Physicians and Surgeons. Office, Richter Building. Hours: 11 to 12 a. m. and 3 to 4 p. m. Phones: Office, 656. Residence, 655

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SPECIALISTS.

DR. H. STOW GARLICK, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Office:—Richter Building. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and 2 to 5 p. m. Sundays, 9 a. m. and by appointment. Phones—Office, 699; Res. 699

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DRS. C. F. and H. E. KENNEY Osteopaths. Office:—Second floor Electric Light Building. Hours:—11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 4 to 5 p. m.

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A. E. YOUNKIN, Dentist. Office: Richter Building N. W. Corner Market Plaza. Telephone 211.

DR. G. C. HIATT, Dentist. Office:—Wilcox Block. Telephone, 299.

J. K. THOMPSON, Dentist. Office: 1213 Lincoln St. Phone 645.

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(Adv.)

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ARRANGING FOR CELEBRATION

Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon
Slimly Attended; Another Meeting Next Tuesday.

The mass meeting of citizens called for a 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Red Men's hall materialized, but the attendance was so slim commensurate with the importance of the proposition in abeyance that it was decided to let the definite decision on the matter be deferred until next Tuesday afternoon, when another meeting will be held at 4 o'clock in the Red Men's hall to get the matter in more tangible shape.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was for the purpose of discussing and deciding whether or not Laredo should have her annual big celebration on Washington's birthday in 1914. Joseph Netzer was appointed chairman of the meeting and R. C. Bateman secretary. The matter of the celebration was discussed pro and con in a tentative manner and the consensus of opinion of those present was that definite action should be postponed until next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when another meeting will be held and the question of whether or not the celebration will take place in February will be definitely decided one way or the other. Hence it behooves all those interested to be present at the meeting at Red Men's hall next Tuesday afternoon.

The representative of the Southern Amusement Co. was present at the meeting and announced that his attraction would come to Laredo during the time of the celebration whether or not the general meeting to be held next Tuesday decided on a celebration. He offered the sum of \$200 for the use of the Market plaza for his company, and this offer was accepted and the carnival company will be in Laredo in February whether the celebration is held or not.

An arrangement committee consisting of Mayor McComb, County Judge Page and Mr. I. Alexander was appointed at the meeting to arrange the preliminaries for the meeting next week and to formulate any tentative plans that they may wish to submit to that meeting for action.

Notice.

All hunters are warned to keep out of my pastures for I will positively allow no hunting in them. I will prosecute any one caught therein. No permits will be given, so please don't ask for one.

ALFRED MATTHEWS.
19-21-1f. (Adv.)

Has Resumed Practice.

Dr. H. Stow Garlick, who has been attending the hospitals in New York City for the past few months, has returned to Laredo and is at his office in the Richter building over the City Drug Co.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- DECEMBER 31.
- 1620—The Pilgrims held the first Sabbath observance in their settlement at Plymouth.
 - 1775—Gen. Montgomery killed while leading an unsuccessful assault of an American force against Quebec.
 - 1781—Congress chartered the Bank of North America.
 - 1829—Gen. Guerrero resigned the presidency of Mexico.
 - 1882—Leon Gambetta, former Dictator of France, died. Born April 2, 1838.
 - 1889—Horatio Allen, who ran the first locomotive in America, died in New Jersey. Born in 1862.

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CRAIG & THOMPSON.

11-7-1f. (Adv.)

ARCHAEOLOGISTS MEET IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Eminent savants from all parts of the continent have assembled in this city for the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America. For three days the visitors will engage in the exchange of hypothesis on the many debatable questions of antiquity. Convention headquarters were opened today at the Windsor Hotel. The regular sessions will be held at McGill University. Friday evening a joint session will be held with the Canadian branch of the Institute, of which His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, is the patron.

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(Adv.)

OHIO SALOONS MUST TOE THE MARK.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The year 1914 is not likely to wet its feet when it makes its entry into Ohio. Much of the liquid refreshments usually accompanying the New Year's Eve revelries will be missing. The State liquor license commission, which has been given a strange hold on the liquor traffic by recent legislation, has handed out the order that every saloon in the State must close its doors promptly at midnight. The indications are that the order will be generally obeyed.

MEETING OF WYOMING TEACHERS.

Kemmerer, Wyo., Dec. 31.—Wyoming school teachers gathered here in force today for the annual convention of their State association and the meetings of the several affiliated bodies. The proceedings will continue until Saturday. Prominent among the scheduled speakers are President Z. X. Snyder of Colorado State Teachers' College, Dr. June Downey of the University of Wyoming, and C. H. Benson of the United States department of agriculture.

BASEBALL CHATTER.

The Indianapolis club has released Pitcher "Lefty" Harrington to the Birmingham club, of the New York State league.

Billy Clymer's Buffalo team will play a series of games with the Columbus American association team at Columbus next April.

Wisconsin-Illinois league clubs realized \$15,000 from sales of players last season. The W-I circuit sent 17 tossers to higher class leagues.

Five catchers, twelve pitchers, nine infielders and eight outfielders will report to Manager Evers of the Cubs at Tampa, Fla., for the spring work-out.

The Washington club directors paid a pretty nifty compliment to Walter Johnson when they insured the "king of heavens" for a hundred thousand dollars.

Manager Frank Chance, of the Yankees, believed Brooklyn put over a great trade when Joe Tinker was landed for \$25,000. Chance is credited with saying that Joe is worth \$50,000 of any club's money.

Pitcher Jack Coombs has returned to his home in Kennebunk, Me. He is slowly recovering from his long siege of illness, but it is still considered doubtful if he will be able to report to the Athletics next spring.

The Peoria Three-I club is trying to land Manager Ned Egan, of the Ottumwa team, to pilot the Distillers. Egan has been such a consistent pennant winner that he is known as the Connie Mack of the Central association.

"Buck" Freeman, famous for his home runs when he played in the big leagues a few years ago, is a stocker in the boiler room of a silk mill in Wilkesbarre. "Buck" has stored away a good-sized fortune, but he still feels that he must stick on the job.

Last season Joe Tinker finished in the list of .300 batters for the first time in his career of twelve years in the National league.

Second Baseman Del Pratt, of the St. Louis Browns, has resigned his place as the representative of his club in the Baseball Players' Fraternity.

RALLY OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.

Greatest Gathering of Christian Students in the World Assembled at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—The greatest gathering of Christian students in the history of the world began in Kansas City today and will continue until the end of the week. The occasion is the seventh international convention of the "Student Volunteer Movement," which represents a world-wide constituency of missionary students and workers. The chief object of the movement is to secure trained college men and women to volunteer for foreign missionary service in a campaign to Christianize the world.

The size and representative character of the present gathering exceeds the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. Up to noon today more than 3,000 delegates had registered at the convention headquarters. Among them they represented hundreds of institutions of learning throughout the United States and Canada, as well as a number of foreign countries. Heading the foreign delegates were several score of Chinese students. Many colleges and universities in the East, the South and the West have sent delegations of from fifty to one hundred members each. For the entertainment of the vast army of visitors hundreds of homes in Kansas City have been thrown open. Many of the students' delegations are accompanied by members of the college faculties. Foreign missionaries from many parts of the world also are among the visitors.

This afternoon the convention met to organize and to listen to addresses of welcome delivered in behalf of the city and the local churches and religious organizations. John R. Mott, the chairman of the executive committee of the movement, occupied the chair. Surrounding him on the platform were many men and women of wide reputation as educators, missionaries and leaders in religious movements.

Each day during the convention there will be special services in numerous churches, in addition to the regular sessions of the convention. The latter will be presented with numbers interesting reports from committees appointed at the last convention of the movement held in Rochester four years ago. Missionaries returned from foreign lands will tell of their work and of the needs of the countries with which they are particularly acquainted. Daily sermons are to be preached by noted divines who are among the delegates and visitors. Other sessions and side conferences will be devoted to the consideration of present-day social, religious, industrial and educational problems. In these discussions many men and women of prominence will take part.

The Student Volunteer is a unique movement. It had its inception some years ago in a visitation to schools and collegians with missionary enthusiasm to arouse in the students a missionary interest and to enlist some of them for the work.

In more recent years it has developed into a great organization under the direction of Dr. John R. Mott, who only a short time ago declined the appointment of minister to China rather than to interrupt the great work he has undertaken. The organization maintains permanent headquarters in New York City. Half a dozen travelling secretaries, including three young women representing the three leading women's colleges of the United States, are actively employed in the movement.

All colleges and higher institutions of learning are periodically visited by these travelling secretaries to keep alive the mission ideal and procure the best class of students as volunteers to fill the ranks in the mission boards. Auxiliary societies are formed in these schools through which the chief workers are kept constantly in touch with the students.

These college societies have become largely the source of supply to the missionary organizations of the various sects of Christian fellowship. The Student Volunteer Movement up to date has sent out nearly 5,000 of its members to foreign fields. The movement is interdenominational and international. The women's colleges actively share in the work.

Will Build Factory.

Mr. S. V. Madrigal will leave in a day or two for Paris, Texas, to make arrangements for establishing a factory for crates and other packages under the Cummer patents in Victoria, Mexico. Mr. Madrigal has been in communication for some time with the Cummer Crate Co. and hopes to soon complete his arrangements for the Mexican manufacture of the famous crates, which he will make for onions and other Mexican products.

PERSONALS

S. J. Jordan came in yesterday from Encinal in his automobile and registered at the Hamilton.

Roy Campbell of San Antonio came in this morning and is stopping at the Hamilton.

John R. Jones, division superintendent I. & G. N. Ry., came in on a trip of inspection returning to his headquarters in San Antonio yesterday.

George Cooper of Monterey, agent of the Black Horse Tobacco, and who has been visiting his family in San Antonio, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson returned home yesterday from Joyce accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Bertha Hooker, having spent Christmas there with Mr. John Loftus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pereira and baby of Dilley, have returned home after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ada Pereira and family.

ROSS.—A. O. Coleman, Encinal; T. M. Cox, J. D. Slout, Beeville; Juan Vara, C. P. Diaz; Asa A. Jones, Light; E. C. Bowen and daughter, Corpus Christi; E. E. Oliver, Brownsville; Willie Thomas, Minera.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all Druggists or by mail. 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

(Adv.)

FOREST NOTES.

The forest service collected 40,000 pounds of tree seed last year for use in reforestation work. The total area reforested was about 30,000 acres.

There is promise of a large turpentine industry in the west and southwest, the raw product being supplied by the resinous gum of western yellow pine.

German pencil manufacturers are looking to California incense cedar for pencil wood. The establishment of a pencil factory in California is not improbable.

More than 120 million board feet of timber was given away free by the government last year to settlers and miners living in or near the national forests.

There are 16 maples in the United States, most of them being eastern species. The most valuable, not only because of the product of its sap but also of the lumber, is sugar maple.

It has been demonstrated that overgrazed stock ranges on the national forests can be brought back to use under a system of regulated grazing faster than if they are left unused.

Celebrated Birthday Anniversary.

On Monday afternoon, on the occasion of her tenth birthday anniversary, little Miss Evelyn Ryan had as her guests the members of the "C Sharp Musical Club," a society composed of young musicians of this city.

For the happy event the Ryan home was tastefully decorated, and the rooms used for the accommodation of the little misses were lavishly decorated in holiday effect, mistletoe and holly predominating in the carrying out of the motif. Arriving at the home the guests were ushered into the cozy and daintily decorated parlor, where a program of musical selections were carried out, interspersed with animated games of divers kinds. At the conclusion of the parlor games and musical numbers, the little misses repaired to the dining hall, where a beautifully decorated table occupied a conspicuous position in the center of the room. This room was also decorated in holiday effect and on the festal board was a large birthday cake with ten lighted candles illumining it. In cutting the cake the ring fell to the lot of Laura Taylor, the thimble to Margaret Mussett and the button to Dorothy Derby. A "Jack Horner pie" also contributed its part to the pleasures. Following this a salad course was served and the young ladies did full justice to it. At the conclusion of the afternoon's pleasures the guests were reluctant to depart for their respective homes, but when they said their goodbyes to the sweet little hostess it was with the express wish that they would meet again on such a happy occasion and that she would be the celebrant of a hundred more happy birthday anniversaries.

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL GEN. HUERTA

POLICE ARRESTED TWO MEXICANS SAID TO HAVE PLANNED ASSASSINATION AT NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—An alleged plot to assassinate Huerta was frustrated today by the arrest of two Mexicans hiding in a house in the suburbs. The police said that the pair planned to approach Huerta with the crowd during the New Year reception.

Villa Denies Report.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Dec. 31.—Chihuahua despatches say that Villa denies that he has even considered ordering the Japanese from Chihuahua.

Dynamited Federal Train.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 31.—A federal troop train was dynamited today 170 miles southeast of Mexico City on the main line of the Inter-oceanic railway from the capital to the coast. No details were received.

Not Worried About Lind.

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—John Lind's departure to see President Wilson at Pass Christian caused little comment here. The officials say that Lind's movements long ago ceased to concern them.

TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE IN NEW YORK

FIVE MEN AND THREE WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH WHEN FLAMES CUT OFF THE ONLY EXIT.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—Five men and three women were burned to death in an East Side tenement house fire this morning, of apparently incendiary origin. The fire started on the ground floor, cutting off the stairway escapes. The tenants jammed the fire escapes, screaming. Fifteen were injured by jumping from the fire escapes.

Gussie Mazzini, aged 19 years, assisted her father, mother and five brothers to the fire escape, where they were saved, but lost her own life when she became excited and returned to her room, where the flames cut her off.

There were thirty families in the building.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 31.—The value of live stock received in the Chicago Stock yards in 1913 totalled \$565,000,000.

MONA LISA BACK IN PARIS.

By Associated Press. Paris, France, Dec. 31.—"Mona Lisa" returned to Paris today with great ceremony and caution.

POLO AT CORONADO BEACH.

Coronado, Beach, Cal., Dec. 31.—What promises to be the most brilliant season of polo in the history of the Coronado Country Club will be inaugurated tomorrow and will be continued through a period of nearly three months. At least ten teams are expected to participate in the tournaments. The competitions are international in character, English and Canadian teams being entered, with Pacific coast teams and teams from the Atlantic seaboard and the Middle West. The feature entry is that of an English team composed of Lords Tweedmouth, Innes-Kerr, Hugh Grosvenor and Leveson-Gower. The Canadian contestants will be the well known Calgary team which has entered the Coronado tournaments regularly for some years.

Violators Will be Punished.

Anyone arrested for violating the law pertaining to the discharge of firearms within the limits of the city during the holiday season will be convicted and given the full penalty of the law regarding same. This is to give ample notice that the law will be enforced to the letter and violators must abide by the consequences.

M. BRENNAN,

12-30-31. City Marshal.

(Adv.)

GONZALEZ DEMANDS SURRENDER OF TOWN

REBEL COMMANDER DARED COL. GUARDIOLA AND HIS MEN TO COME OUTSIDE AND FIGHT THEM.

By Associated Press.

The Times was furnished the following statement by Mr. Melquiades Garcia, constitutional consul in Laredo, as being absolutely correct, and which is self-explanatory: "Today at 11 o'clock a note from Gen. Pablo Gonzalez was sent through Consul Garrett, demanding the surrender of Nuevo Laredo within the absolutely fixed time of twelve hours. In the note of Gen. Gonzalez to the commanding officer of Nuevo Laredo, he invited the latter to leave the city with his forces to fight.

"Gen. Gonzalez also sent a note to the commanding officer at Fort McIntosh, requesting him (as is absolutely within international law and between sister people) to take such measures as the case might warrant to avert, as much as possible, personal injury to non-combatants who, desirous of observing the fight, might approach the line of fire.

"It is believed that after 12 o'clock midnight tonight the attack will commence, should the garrison not surrender. The constitutionalists' forces, it is stated, number more than 4,500 men."

Rebels Seen Near Laredo.

Telephone messages from various places reported the passage of the rebel forces on their way to attack Nuevo Laredo. At one place, it was stated that the rebel column took more than two hours to pass, and at 2 o'clock they were within ten miles of Nuevo Laredo.

SENATOR HOBBS ACQUITTED.

Jury Brought in Verdict, Which May Affect Charges Against Lieut. Governor Bilbo.

By Associated Press.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 31.—The jury, out all night, today declared not guilty State Senator G. A. Hobbs, charged with soliciting and receiving bribes. It is not yet known whether this verdict will affect similar charges against Lieutenant Governor Bilbo.

FOUND GREEN BUGS.

By Associated Press. Denton, Texas, Dec. 31.—Thousands of green bugs have been found by government entomologists in the fields of western Denton county.

TOTAL SUICIDES ON THE INCREASE

TWENTY-FIVE MORE LAST YEAR THAN IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, WITH TOTAL OF 13,106.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The total of suicides in the United States in 1913 was 13,106, an increase of 25 over the preceding year. Twice as many men as women killed themselves. Physicians, as usual, led the professional men in the suicides with 34.

ARKANSAS PUTS LID ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.—The hardest blow ever dealt the liquor traffic in Arkansas becomes effective at midnight tonight, which is the time fixed for the coming into operation of the Going law, which was enacted by the last legislature. The law requires a petition signed by the majority of the white adults of a community before a license can be issued to conduct a saloon. It is believed that virtual prohibition throughout the State will result from the operation of the law.

Watch Night Meeting.

The Baptist church will hold a watch-night meeting tonight. The meeting will commence at 9 o'clock and continue until 12 o'clock. The program for this meeting has been prepared by the Y. W. A. Rev. G. W. Plack will assist the pastor.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities, 50c. per month.

RESUMED FIGHTING AT OJINAGA TODAY

BELIEVED THAT POSITION OF FEDERALIS IS HOPELESS AND WORK OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS DIFFICULT.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 31.—The battle of Ojinaga was resumed today, but United States army men here believed that it would end in twenty-four hours more. They said that the position of the federalists seemed hopeless. The federalists are reported as short of ammunition, while the rebels still have plenty. The rebels continued to narrow their semi-circle around the federalists.

As the United States border patrol here numbers but 1,000 men, the officers will have a difficult problem in handling the federalists if all 4,000 of them should suddenly cross together into Texas.

There are conflicting stories of the federal dead. Federal deserters claim that two or three hundred federalists were killed in the first assault. One ragged federal, eating rations given him by Americans, said:

"They have all got their eyes turned on the American side. It is only the fear that they would be shot in the back that keeps them from running."

It is reported that Orozco and Salazar, several nights ago, crossed to the American side to arrange secretly for shelter here if defeated.

FORMOSANS PLOT TO OUST JAPANESE

THIRTEEN PLOTTERS EXECUTED AND MANY MORE IMPRISONED FOR PLOT AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 31.—Thirteen Formosans were executed today at Taihoku, Formosa, for plotting to overthrow the Japanese government in Formosa. One hundred and twenty-three other plotters were imprisoned.

WONDERFUL ARMY RECORD.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States army went through 1913 with only two cases of typhoid fever.

NO MORE RAILROAD PASSES IN ILLINOIS.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—All of the railroads doing business in Illinois will tomorrow abolish the pass privilege, except as it applies to their employees. This is in compliance with a stringent provision in the new Public Utilities act. Another provision of the same act forbids individuals and corporations from attempting to secure service from the railroads at less than the scheduled rates.

NEW YORK'S "JUVENILE DEMOCRACY."

New York, Dec. 30.—The most unique election in the history of New York will be held tomorrow, when 40,000 or more children of the lower East Side will vote in the first primary election of a "juvenile democracy." The movement has been organized by the East Side Protective Association with a view to giving the future citizens a practical training in self-government and politics. The polling places will be at the public schools, and assemblymen, congressmen, mayors and heads of municipal departments will be nominated. The general election will be held on Lincoln's birthday, when candidates leading in the primary will be voted on. The original idea was to limit the voting rights to the boys. The announcement to this effect, however, brought forth a vigorous protest from the girls, with the result that a proclamation granting equal suffrage was promptly issued.

Informal "At Home."

Mrs. J. M. Daniel was at home informally to a few friends yesterday afternoon. The guests participated in an interesting game of auction bridge, in which the high score prize, a hand-embroidered guest towel, fell to the lot of Mrs. O. J. Cook. A three-course luncheon was served and a most pleasant afternoon generally was whiled away.

From Thursday's Daily.

THE YEAR IS ENDED.

Another year has passed, and we who stand on the threshold of the new year wonder if it will be as good to us as that which has just ended. We have had, as a people, some sorrows and many joys; some reverses and many advantages; our blessings have outnumbered our disasters.

The year brought little that was evil to Texans. Nearly at its close we had a disastrous flood, which cost many lives and untold millions of dollars. But as a whole, the year passed without leaving an impress of sorrow on the state.

The year saw the inception of the new Mexican rebellion, after the overthrow of the former government and the beginning of the present rule, and the warfare in that unhappy land still continues, with a prospect of continuing until some other government interferes.

The United States has seen the inauguration of a new administration during the year, and the beginning of a new system in the government. The tariff bill, after months of debate, finally passed in much the same form as originally introduced, and Texas farmers have reason to dread the operation of some of its features, although it is too early to predict with certainty what the result of the establishment of the free list will be.

We have been graciously spared a war with any other country, and there has been peace within our own borders, although at times the war cloud has hovered over our Southern frontier. We are on the best of terms with all the world powers, and there is no danger of a rupture of our present friendly relations.

The year was a bumper crop year for Texas, as well as for a greater part of the United States, and the prices received by our farmers for their produce were invariably good. The recent floods have left a deposit of silt in the lowlands that promises an unusually good crop year, and prospects were never brighter for our great empire state.

Several strikes during the year have marred the friendly relations between employers and employed, and in some cases there has been violence on the part of both sides to the controversy. But many strikes have been averted by wise counsel, and there is every evidence that arbitration will in the near future settle most of the labor difficulties.

The new currency measure adopted by congress, if it fulfills the expectations of its originators, will do much to relieve the money stringency of the nation, and the fact that the national banks throughout the country are falling into line with the requirements of the new act is a proof that it is not destined to rupture all business relations, as its opponents declared it would.

On the whole, 1913 was a better year than many of its predecessors, and it was a year of advance in science, in morals, in medicine, in fact, in almost every line of human endeavor. Each succeeding year brings its new problems for solution, and each year helps to solve some of the problems of the past.

The world is growing better, and happy are we who live in this modern age, so superior to any epoch in the past. We welcome 1914, and trust that he will live up to his promise, which at present is a bright one, full of good things for the world.

A STAND-PAT PROGRAM.

After the disastrous defeat of the Republican party a year ago at the polls, the leaders of the party saw that reorganization was absolutely imperative, especially as a great wing of the party had broken off all relations with it and formed one of the elements of its defeat.

For months the reorganization was delayed. It was the belief of the leaders that the Democratic party once in power could be depended upon to so discourage the people that the return of the Republican party to power would be certain in 1916.

But, to their entire discomfiture, the Democratic majority in the house, aided by the nearly Democratic senate and the Progressives who were in favor of Mr. Wilson's policies, enacted a tariff law that so far seems to be a decided improvement over any that we have had as yet, and the skillful handling of the currency question has given them another setback.

Added to their other difficulties, the Progressives not only refused to meet them half way in their program of reconciliation, but demanded that the Republicans adopt the Progressive platform instead of their own old policies, which, of course, was too repugnant to the old leaders to receive any consideration.

Now they have fallen back on a policy of standing pat and waiting for the general depression which they believe will follow the new tariff act to aid them in their reactionary fight.

Collier's says: "That a political organization should adopt so brutal and cynical an attitude toward the public welfare is bad enough, but there is a worse element in the case which is clearly expressed by the New York World:

"For such a party it is only a step from the wish to the deed. The evil passions that men secretly cherish develop later into notorious wrongs that afflict the earth. When a political organization devotes itself to panic it becomes an active agent of panic....

"There is not a Republican leader who does not know that financial disaster is universal. If those who wait upon panic and distress are as familiar with foreign markets as they are with Wall Street, they know that consols in London reached the lowest price ever recorded for them yesterday, and they know that in every Continental capital there is commercial caution and uncertainty. Can a free nation tolerate a political party that is in open and shameful alliance with the piratical speculative interests that find profit in disasters which they engineer?"

Collier's adds: "The Republican organization has made its bed. Barnes and Penrose and Watson and Cannon can lie in it comfortably enough. It is to their liking. But what of the so-called progressive Republicans, Hadley of Missouri, Borah of Idaho, Cummins of Iowa? They must now lie in the same bed. They had their opportunity to come out in a movement which embraced some of the finest spirits of the time. They stayed behind because they said they could make the Republican party progressive."

But one thing is certain: the people of the country will not stand for any action tending to cause or further a panic. President Wilson promised to "hang as high as Haman" anyone who attempted to start a panic, and the country at large would be certain to back him up in his decision to punish any such attempt.

The Current Issue, after a vigorous life of thirteen years, will cease publication, the editor, Louis J. Wortham, and the business manager, L. D. Smith, having other business that demands their attention. The Times will miss the bright editorials of Mr. Wortham, and wishes the retiring management of the Current Issue success in their other ventures.

Rebel activities were greatly increased with the close of the year. They perhaps realize that it may be a long time before they have another chance to loot a town, as most of the towns now have little left.

Orozco and Salazar are reported to have arranged secretly for shelter on American soil if defeated at Ojinaga. Let's see, wasn't it Salazar who demonstrated such a love for Americans while in Juarez?

John Lind has left Mexico to confer with President Wilson while at Pass Christian, and the Mexican officials are not at all worried. They say that his movements long ago ceased to concern them. Which is about as mean a thing as has ever been said of Yon.

Another alleged plot to assassinate Huerta has been unearthed in Mexico City. Two Mexicans, it is said, were planning to enter the palace with the crowd at the New Year's reception. But how they figured on getting away after their supposed bloody deed had been accomplished is not stated.

Pablo Gonzalez invited Col. Guardiola with his men to come outside the town and fight. Sounds like the Irishman who was threatened with being put out of a dance which he was disturbing. He answered: "Come outside and put me out!"

Wanted, a Loan.

I desire a loan of \$30,000 for five years, with interest at 8 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually. I will give a first mortgage to secure the loan on the Hacienda Santa Isabel and other ranches situated in the municipality of Victoria, Tamaulipas, only 15 miles from the railway station of Osorio, between Tampico and the city of Victoria. Fifteen miles from a railroad is but a short distance in a country where it does not freeze, as I ship from the ranch to the railroad station during the entire winter, and the chile and tomatoes that can be shipped during the winter months could not be raised further north. There are 800 acres of magnificent land for the cultivation of onions, tomatoes, corn and oranges. It never freezes and the climate is the finest to be found. The land is irrigated from the Guayalejo river. The ranches have houses for 500 laborers. I have 500 head of beef cattle on the ranch. The lands total altogether 3,000 acres, and are valued at \$200,000. Address S. V. Madrigal, Box 68, Laredo, Texas. 1-13t.

(Adv.)

VOICE OF TEXAS.

An Illusion Dispelled.

The announcement that there is only one general to every 400 soldiers in Zapata's army should dispel any illusion that may have existed that there were 400 generals to each soldier.—San Antonio Express.

Patriotic Boeher.

I will give five dollars to every person who can show that I ever sent off for anything that I could buy in my home town. How many will give me fifty cents to prove them guilty of that crime?—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

Victims of Peace.

Thus far the only casualties in connection with the preparation of troops for Mexico have been the deaths of four soldiers at Texas City while joyriding, and the death of a soldier at Laredo by being thrown from a horse. Peace hath her victims no less than war.—Port Arthur News.

Votes and the Void.

An Eastern scientist says the world will cease to exist in fifteen million years. This ought to be comforting to those suffragettes who declare all they want is time to secure the right to vote.—Brownwood News.

What shall it profit a suffragette to secure the right to vote and then discover that the world non est? There would be no comfort in voting in an earthless universe. There would be nobody to object, and it is because so many men object that so many women want to vote. If every woman's husband were to coax her to go with him to the polls and cast her ballot beside his, every woman would count it a bore. Women are in fact as disinclined to accompany their husbands to an election as husbands are to accompany their wives on shopping tours. Still, if there is an occasional woman who wants to rally round the polls she should be permitted to do so, just as any man should, if he so desires, be allowed to mix in the melee around the corset counter or bargain day.—Galveston News.

Things of Beauty.

A woman says that a middle-aged man in a bathing suit is not a thing of beauty. Of course not—he doesn't pretend to be. He wouldn't wear the suit if it wasn't because he has to in order to get his skin wet. He refers the old swimmin' hole and nature's garb, but the fashionable women would all follow him there, and in sheer defense he has to don the hideous bathing suit. By the way, is a middle-aged woman in a bathing suit a thing of beauty?—Denison Herald.

Who He Is.

We find in some quarters a misapprehension as to the position of Sir Horace Plunkett, the famous leader of farmers' co-operation in Ireland. Some people have erroneously supposed that he was one of England's titled aristocracy, who became interested in people socially far beneath him. As a matter of fact, he began his work simply as "Mr. Horace Plunkett" and the title of "Sir" was conferred upon him by the King of England in recognition of his great work in bettering the condition of the farming class of Ireland through his campaign for "Better Farming, Better Business, and Better Living."—Progressive Farmer.

Where Honor Lies.

Some negro used the United States flag as a laprobe in San Antonio, and the Express came out with a real brass-button human interest story, all blistered over with indignation and reproach. Too bad, to be sure, but we may remind the Express that the honor of the flag is in the heart of its beholder, not in the chance position of stars and stripes.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Where Surgery Failed.

A triumph in surgery is reported from Brooklyn, in which the victim of a stabbing affray whose heart was pierced is reported on the way to rapid recovery after six stitches had been taken in his heart to close the wound. While a slit heart may be sewed up and made to perform its normal functions, no way has yet been discovered by which the hearts of a certain class of people may be made to "open up" and perform the normal functions expected of a civilized human being. Maybe in the course of time medical skill will hit upon the proper operation. Moral and religious experts have so far failed to accomplish the desired result.—Houston Post.

A Certain Deduction.

The editor of the Monroe News-Star promised to have some one furnish us information, on the day after, as to the degree of his sobriety on Christmas. Up to the hour of going to press no returns have been received; from which we can deduce only the worst.—Port Arthur News.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Gardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Gardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Gardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

GARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Gardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Gardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Gardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

* THIS DATE IN HISTORY * * THIS IS MY 34th BIRTHDAY *

JANUARY 1. KING OF SIAM.

1750—Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the national house of representatives, born in Trappe, Pa. Died in Lancaster, Pa., June 4, 1861.

1857—Gretna Green marriages were suppressed by act of the British parliament.

1874—President and Mrs. Grant held a special reception for veterans of the war of 1812.

1877—Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India at Delhi.

1901—The Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated at Sydney.

1913—The parcel post was put into operation throughout the United States.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. (Adv.)

OHIO'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—What is pronounced by experts to be the most advanced workmen's compensation act in the United States comes into operation in Ohio today. The act, which was passed by the last legislature, makes it mandatory upon every employer of five or more persons to protect his workers with State insurance. Under the old employers' liability laws of Ohio compensation was recovered for only about 20 per cent of the injuries and deaths. Under the new act every injured employee receives medical attention and compensation for time lost after the first week of the disability, and in the event of his death his dependents are cared for.

By the State authorities it is estimated that more than 20,000 employees, with an aggregate working force of more than 1,000,000, will be covered by the law, and that from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 will be collected and paid out yearly by the State as compensation to injured and disabled workmen or to dependents of those who are killed in the pursuit of their employment.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. (Adv.)

Cough Medicine For Children.

Never give a child a cough medicine that contains opium in any form. When opium is given other and more serious diseases may follow. Long experience has demonstrated that there is no better or safe medicine for coughs, colds and croup in children than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is equally valuable for adults. Try it. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

With Newbro's Herpicide

While there are no thrills in the narration of Mrs. P. T. Nichols, 623 Broad St., Beloit, Wis., her story is nevertheless one of amazing interest. "Stricken with neuralgia and erysipelas I lost all my hair. My doctor recommended Newbro's Herpicide. I used six or eight bottles and now have a fine head of slightly curly light brown hair. Not a gray hair in my head. This is the more remarkable as I am middle-aged."

While the results which follow the use of Newbro's Herpicide are always more or less astonishing, they are always natural. Herpicide destroys the dandruff germ, stimulates the flow of blood to the hair follicles and keeps the scalp perfectly healthy. It makes possible a natural and luxuriant growth of hair, except in cases of chronic baldness.

While remedies said to be "every bit as good" as Newbro's Herpicide are frequently offered, one should insist upon having the original germ destroyer, Herpicide. That is genuine. It stops itching of the scalp almost instantly.

For sale at all drug stores. One dollar size bottles are guaranteed. Applications may be obtained at good barber shops. Send 10c in postage for sample to The Herpicide Co., Dept. K, Detroit, Mich.

The City Drug Co., Special Agents. (Adv.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

North American Fruit Exchange

(Capital \$50,000.00 fully paid up)

Beg to announce that at the request of important vegetable growers in South Texas, an office of the exchange has been established at Laredo, Texas.

Inquiries invited regarding the exchange's distributing and selling facilities including its own salaried sales forces in all important markets. Cash and f. o. b. sales the exchange's specialty.

GENERAL OFFICES
EASTERN 90 West St. New York
WESTERN 180 N. Dearborn St. Chicago
SOUTHWESTERN GATEWAY OFFICES
KANSAS CITY 313 Temple Block
ST. LOUIS 909 No. Third St.
ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
NORTH AMERICAN FRUIT EXCHANGE
1108 FARRAGUT ST. LAREDO, TEXAS.

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August 1st.

The new Mazda gives three times the light for the same power of the old 16 C. P. carbon lamp.

15-20-25 and 40 Watt	.35c
Small 60 "	.45c
Large size 60 "	.60c
100 "	.80c
150 "	\$1.20
250 "	2.00

The Laredo Electric & Railway Co.

Leudinghaus Wagons

THE BEST ON THE MARKET
Sold on easy terms by

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Choice Articles direct from the Philippines to you at one-fourth ordinary retail prices.

LUCBAN AND BANKOK HATS:—Very best grade of the famous Panamas made. Woven under water by hand, can be crushed and not lose shape. ABSOLUTELY THE BEST, made for both Ladies and Gentlemen.

LADIES HATS: 10 and 15 Dollars. GENTLEMENS HATS: 5 and 10 Dollars.

ROMBLON MATS:—Handsome and most durable grass mats or rugs made in the world. Beautiful colors and designs, largest size will three-fourth cover the floor of room.

THREE SIZES OF ROMBLON MATS: 5, 7 and 10 Dollars.

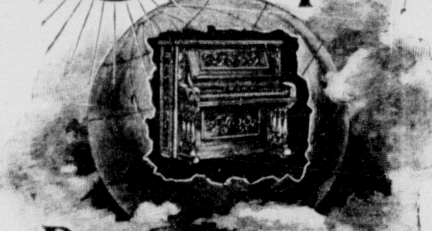
MANILA CIGARS:—3 Dollars for a trial box of the very best cigars made in the Philippines from the best Philippine tobacco for which these islands are famous.

Sent by Registered mail. Free of all duties on receipt price.

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Besides the Crown
I AM AGENT FOR THE
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EFFICIENCY IN MARKETING

ASSURES our patrons of best results. Do you want cash sales for your products? Do you want the highest market prices? Do you want to market your products at the least possible expense and get better returns? We have cash customers to supply. Before making your arrangements consult

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Laredo ICE Factory

P. M. SAUVIGNET, Prop.

Pure Crystal Ice
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delivered to any
part of the city

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Horse shoeing
A Specialty

Corner Farragut St. and
Convent Ave.

TUXEDO—The Best Tobacco in Laredo



GEORGE W. MAXWELL
George W. Maxwell, one of the leading trapshooters in the country, says:
"I find relaxation and complete enjoyment in Tuxedo. It's a nerve steadier and a sure fire, slow-burning tobacco. Easily my favorite."



CHARLES G. SPENCER
Charles G. Spencer, prominent in all the championship trapshooting tournaments, says:
"For real enjoyment, I'll take a pipeful of Tuxedo. No chance for tongue-bite, and a mighty large amount of satisfaction."



L. J. SQUIER
L. J. Squier, well known all over the country as a keen-eyed and successful trapshooter, says:
"Tuxedo is the only REAL smoke. A pipeful of Tuxedo is mild and soothing, and I recommend it highly to all shooters as a clear, cool tobacco."

DURING the past year Tuxedo has grown faster than any other tobacco throughout the rest of the U.S.A. We didn't try to push Tuxedo in Texas until we had thought out a plan to make Tuxedo the one absolutely always fresh tobacco in the State.

But now we're off to a running start. We keep Tuxedo fresh by frequent small shipments to dealers—and monthly inspection that checks up every ounce of Tuxedo on the dealers' shelves. We take back any Tuxedo that might be getting dry and replace it with factory-fresh Tuxedo.

Tuxedo

The Perfect Tobacco for Pipe and Cigarette

Tuxedo has swept into instantaneous popularity from Texarkana to El Paso. It's the best because it is made from the best tobacco we can buy—a choice selection from the ripest, mellowest old Kentucky Burley. Smokes cool and smooth, no matter if you go to it forty times a day. We've taken the sting out of it by the original Tuxedo process—and we guarantee its quality.

There have been many imitations of Tuxedo on the market, but nobody has yet been able to get hold of the secret process by which Tuxedo gets its superiority of flavor and cool-burning, non-biting qualities.

We have kept this secret ever since Tuxedo was first offered to the public. The wise smoker will refuse to be "hoo-rahed" into buying the imitation when he can get the old original Tuxedo at the same price.

YOU CAN BUY TUXEDO EVERYWHERE

Famous green tin with gold lettering, curved to fit pocket 10c
Convenient pouch, inner-lined with moisture-proof paper 5c
In Glass Humidors, 50c and 90c



Illustrations are about one-half size of real packages.



TOM A. MARSHALL
Tom A. Marshall, whose trapshooting ability has made him famous, says:
"Tuxedo tobacco is unquestionably the acme of perfection; smoking Tuxedo makes life better worth living."



FRED GILBERT
Fred Gilbert, whose name is celebrated among trapshooters, says:
"The coolest, most fragrant, most pleasant tobacco in my experience—Tuxedo. Leads in mildness and purity."



FRED G. BILLS
Fred G. Bills, crack shot, well known to all followers of trapshooting, says:
"Tuxedo appeals to me strongly as a good, healthful smoke. My nerves have behaved admirably since I've been using Tuxedo, the leading tobacco."

MORGAN WITHDREW FROM COMBINATION

SAID STEP WAS TAKEN VOLUNTARILY IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGE IN PUBLIC SENTIMENT OF LATE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 2.—J. P. Morgan & Company announced today that they had severed connection with some of the greatest corporations in the country with which they had been long connected. The firm announced that this step was taken voluntarily, in response to the apparent change in public sentiment on account of some problems and criticism having to do with "interlocking directorates."

Among the companies withdrawn were the New York Central and New Haven railroads and many other railroads, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. These and other withdrawals by the Morgans cut the strings that held together many of the country's most important corporations in a community of interests which have been assailed within and without congress.

The Morgans withdrew from thirty corporations altogether today. The stock market was unaffected, except that for a few minutes the brokers were too surprised to trade at all.

Administration Not Surprised.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Administration officials have known that the Morgan action was coming for several days. One said today that this separation was to get in line with the wishes of the people and the spirit of the times, as set forth by the president. Senator Hitchcock said that the Morgans had been one of the worst offenders in the interlocking directorates and that "their exploitation of the New Haven railroad amounted to a scandal."

THE RESTRICTED DISTRICT.

Houston's Chief of Police Promises to Maintain Better Order There in the Future.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 2.—Houston's Criminal District Attorney Maury announces that he will not try to close the Houston restricted district in view of the promise of the chief of police to maintain better order there.

ACCIDENTAL KILLING.

Man Let Pistol Fall While Dressing, and the Bullet Struck Wife and Killed Her.

By Associated Press.

Cleburne, Texas, Jan. 2.—Robert McDonald, while dressing this morning, accidentally knocked a pistol off the wall. In falling, it struck the hammer on the floor, was discharged, and the bullet killed his wife.

GOTHAM'S NEW MAYOR INSTALLED.

New York, Jan. 1.—John Purroy Mitchel was installed as mayor of New York City today. Coincidentally the other newly elected officers of the greater city and its boroughs officially assumed their duties. The ceremonies were of the simplest character. Nevertheless there was a large throng to see "the man who had downed Tammany" sworn into the office of mayor.

With the assumption of office by Mayor Mitchel, a new regime in city governmental affairs was inaugurated. Mayor Mitchel was nominated and elected by the Fusion opposition to Tammany Hall, while practically all the other city officials, the New York County officers and the presidents of the several boroughs are men who are opposed to Tammany. Thus for the first time in years, today saw the chief offices of the municipality filled with men not allied with the Democratic organization which has so long exercised a controlling influence in municipal affairs.

Took Moving Pictures of Battle.

A representative of a San Antonio moving picture concern was on the firing line yesterday morning during the fierce battle that raged to the southward of Laredo, and again he was with the rebels in the desultory fighting during the afternoon. It is said that once or twice the tripod holding his moving picture camera was overturned, but he got busy again and got pictures of the best features of the battle. When this picture is released it will be a real feature film that will draw big houses.

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PRICES, 5 and 10 cents.

OPPOSITE Market Hall.

DREAMLAND

Complete Change of Program Tonight.

5c and 10c only.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

We are being disappointed in the receipt of a good many articles bought for Christmas, due to the floods in various parts of the country, but we expect them to arrive in the next few days. At present we have on hand all kinds of nuts: Brazils, Almonds, Filberts, Walnuts, Pecans, Salted Peanuts, etc.

We have several lots of candies, suitable for decorating Christmas trees, such as: String Candy, Candy Rosettes, Candy Twists, Slippers, Syphons, Satchels and Baskets of Kisses, Velvet Molasses Candy, Pecan Brittle, Peanut Brittle, Pineapple Fudge, Pecan Fudge and numerous others.

We expect to have in the way of fruits: Oranges, Apples, Grapes, Grape Fruit, Bananas and Coconuts. And as full a line of vegetables as this and other markets afford.

We would like to urge our friends to favor us with their orders for Christmas as early as possible from now on, to enable us to get the goods to them with as little delay as possible.

LEONARD NELSON

THE FERDELL GROCER

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Have established an Agency at Laredo for the Sale and Distribution of Onions and other produce.

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ASSURES our patrons of best results. Do you want cash sales for your products? Do you want the highest market prices. Do you want to market your products at the least possible expense and get better returns? We have cash customers to supply. Before making your arrangements consult

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CONFERENCE OF OHIO PROGRESSIVES.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Many leading representatives of the Progressive party in Ohio arrived in town today in response to a call issued by State Chairman Walter F. Brown. Tomorrow the party leaders will get together for a conference to discuss plans for the State election to be held next fall. It has already been decided to nominate candidates for all State and county offices to be filled at the election. Following the conference tomorrow there will be a mass meeting at which Albert J. Beveridge, former United States senator from Indiana and one of the national leaders of the Progressive party, is expected to deliver an address.

PRESIDENT FINLEY INAUGURATED.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—In the presence of the most notable gathering of American educators ever assembled in Albany Dr. John Huston Finley was inaugurated today as president of the University of the State of New York and as State commissioner of education. The exercises brought to Albany representatives of numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard and a number of other noted educators were among the

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1 cent per word for Rent, Found, For Sale, Lost or Exchange.

For Rent:—Furnished housekeeping rooms, also bedrooms. Gas stoves, lights. 1119 Lincoln street. 12-27-14

Wanted to Rent:—House of six to eight rooms. Prefer close in. No children; permanent tenant. Inquire of Dr. Garlick, over City Drug Co. 12-30-14.

For Rent:—A furnished room. Phone 479. 12-30-14.

For Rent:—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Address 1302 Victoria. 12-30-14.

speakers at the installation exercises. Dr. Finley comes to his office from the College of the City of New York, of which institution he became president ten years ago. He is fifty years old and a relative of Illinois. For some years he was president of Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., and later he became widely known as editor of the Harper publications.

PERSONALS

Dr. Albert T. Cook of Dolores spent yesterday in the city.

Miguel de la Garza of the Randado is in the city.

L. A. Kerr of Cotulla is a guest at the Ross.

Judge C. C. Thomas of Cotulla arrived in the city yesterday.

Richard F. Knaggs of Cotulla arrived in the city yesterday and stopped at the Ross.

Percy Winch left for Austin this morning after spending the holidays with his folks at home.

W. T. Hill and family returned yesterday from a few days visit to the ranch.

Miss Louise Muller returned to her school in Austin this morning, having spent Christmas week and New Year at home.

Tom Austin left for Austin this morning to resume his school duties after a ten days holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Austin.

Ed. D. Sisk and wife left this morning for their home in New Mexico after a short visit here, having accompanied the remains of Mrs. Arthur, mother of Mrs. Sisk, which were brought here for burial.

Misses Nettie and Emma Pierce of Monroe, La., sisters of Mrs. A. J. Landrum and Mrs. W. C. Beaman, arrived in the city this morning and will spend some time visiting their sisters.

R. P. Woodard returned yesterday from his old home in Alvarado, where he went in response to a summons to

the bedside of his aged mother. The Times is sorry to know that his mother died, though he reached home in time to see her before she passed away.

E. A. Atlee of Cotulla is in the city for a visit and is stopping at the Ross.

ROSS:—Miguel de la Garza, Randado; E. A. Atlee, Cotulla; P. Ochoa; Alice; Hannibal Prante, San Antonio; R. M. Johnson, Ixtitas; L. A. Kerr, B. Weldenthal, Cotulla; Miss Rebecca Davis, R. F. Knaggs, Cotulla; A. Flores, Minera; C. C. Thomas, Cotulla; Edward Herrera, San Antonio; E. B. Steeve, "Pathes Weekly" N. Y. C.; Littleton V. Richardson, D. M. B. Parks, James S. Brown, Asherton.

Excellent For Stomach Trouble. "Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers.

(Adv.)

SHOW OF FOREIGN BUILT CARS.

New York, Jan. 2.—The 1914 Automobile Salon, as the annual exhibition of foreign built motor cars in this city is known, was opened in the hall room of the Hotel Astor today and will be continued for one week. The number of exhibitors is the largest that ever participated in a foreign automobile show in the United States. Automobile and accessory manufacturers of England, France, Germany, Italy and Belgium are represented.

CHARACTER TO BE BASIS FOR LOANS

CHAIN OF BANKS TO SUPPLANT LOAN SHARKS WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED IN THIS COUNTRY.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 2.—It was confirmed today that Julius Rosenbaum of Chicago, backed by Andrew Carnegie, Vincent Astor and others, will soon start a chain of banks over the country on the European plan for small borrowers. The whole idea is to establish credit for the man of small means on the basis of character. Loans will be as small as \$10. The purpose is to encourage such patronage as is too small for the ordinary banks and to supplant the loan sharks.

NO FREIGHT INCREASES.

Railroad Commission Not Disposed to Order Reductions Because of Flood Losses.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 2.—It is reported that the railroad commission is not disposed to order freight rate reductions now on account of the railroad flood losses. Neither are they disposed to let the railroads increase the rates, pointing out that the shippers also suffered losses.

Entertained M. L. Club.

On Wednesday afternoon at her home on Matamoros street, Mrs. A. E. Younkin, in her usual charming manner and that hospitality that always pleases, was hostess to the members of the Married Ladies' Club and a few invited guests at a Christmas auction bridge party. Apropos to the occasion the seasonal motif was carried out effectively with the lavish decorations of holly which were conspicuous about the rooms used for the accommodation of the guests present. Auction bridge constituted the game feature of the afternoon and an interesting contest resulted, with the prize awards being distributed as follows: Club prize, a hand-painted plate, won by Mrs. M. T. Cogley; guest prize, hand-painted plate, won by Mrs. Woodul; low score prize, a basket, won by Miss Alma Pierce. Following the game a delicious luncheon, consisting of a salad course, was served and greatly enjoyed by all. Those present on this enjoyable occasion to partake of the hospitality of Mrs. Younkin were: Club members—Mesdames Austin, Cogley, Barlow, Boniger, J. W. Brewster, Davis, Fish, Huberich, MacGregor, O. P. Reid, Thos. Reed, Woodman, Wager and Young. Guests—Mesdames Gatewood, Buch, Weber, Ernst, Hatley and Woodul; Misses Hughes, (Monte-rey), McKnight, Tarver and Pierce.

John (Dots) Miller, recently traded by Pittsburgh to St. Louis, says he is willing to play with Cardinals. What do you mean, willing?

President Dreyfus of the Pirates made "Honus" Wagner the only exception in any trade for "Big Ed" Konetchy, when he and Manager Clarke discussed the proposed deal.

